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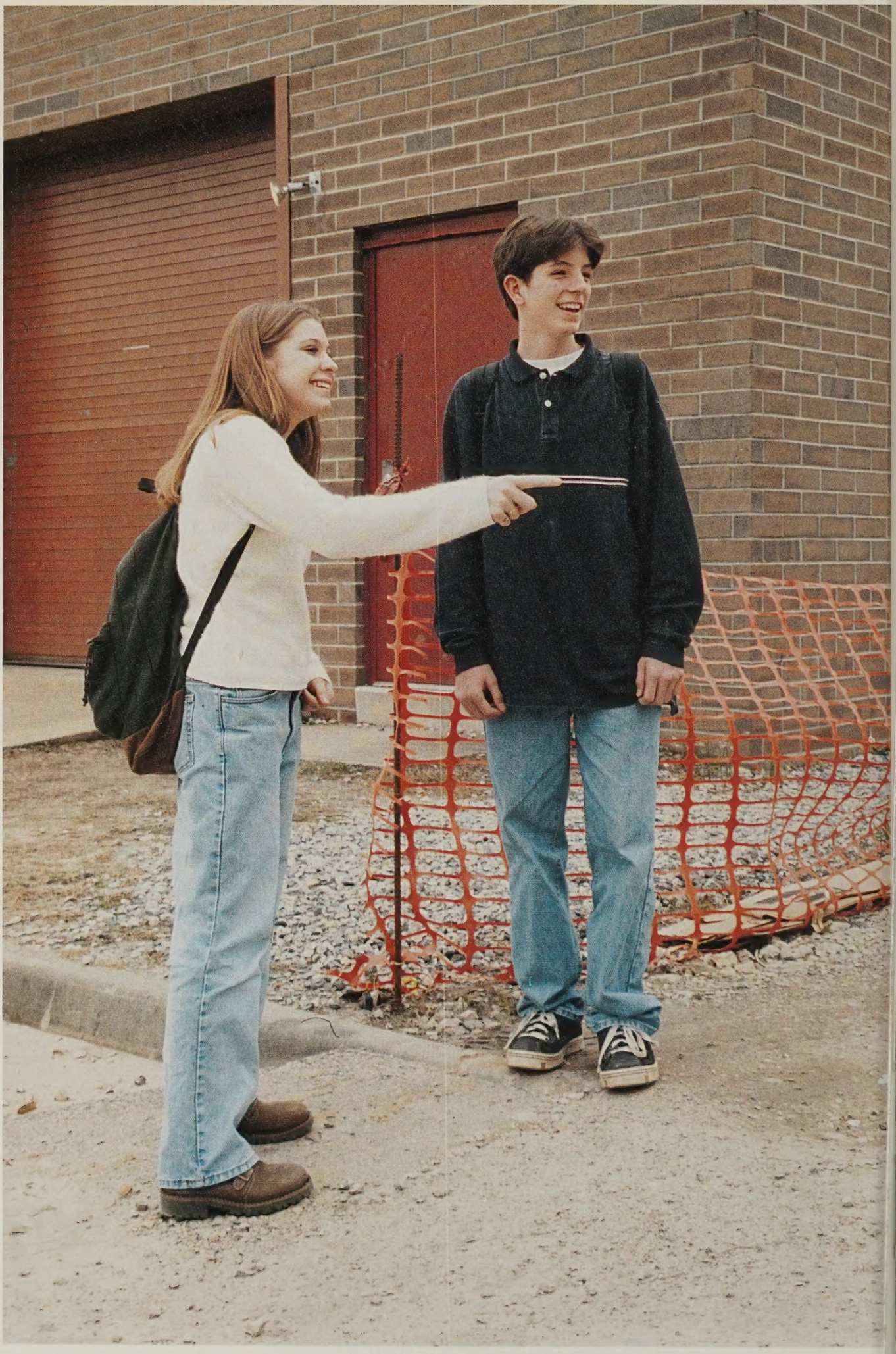
At a picnic table full of food, junior Adam Seltzer pours ketchup on his hamburger and Dave Mattson prepares to hand him the mustard. As construction crews were starting work on the school, students were getting together to enjoy summer. Junior Chris Render threw a party at the beginning of summer to celebrate the end of school. Students played volleyball, ate food, and talked all day. "It was nice to have a party at the end of the year after exams, especially after the Drivers Ed. exam. Dave and I went canoeing in the canal behind the Renders' house," Adam said. In situations such as these, students had no problems WORKING AROUND IT.

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Pausing on her way home from school, freshman Megan Mabe points out new work being completed on the building to freshman Ben Dunan. Megan lived close enough that she could walk to and from the school everyday. "It's a pain to walk past the construction. It is very muddy and we sometimes have to climb through bushes. Someone put boards down for us to walk on, but they don't help. It also smells really bad back there," Megan said.



THE WORK BEGINS

by Nicole Feldl

At the beginning of summer, men flooded the school.

They weren't just ordinary men. They were men with tool belts and hard hats and heavy boots, men with truck beds full of lumber and power tools, men riding huge yellow monsters.



Renovations began on the school in June. "The school was a mess. There were pieces of the roof over everything because it was being worked on. Mr. and Mrs. VanDervort's rooms were packed floor-to-ceiling with boxes from the library. I was at the school during summer for National Honor Society to help get ready for the first day," senior Alison Mast said.

The additions made to the school included six classrooms across the back of the building and a cafeteria along the side. The two science labs and four general-purpose rooms gave some "floating" teachers permanent classes. "With the new additions being made to the school, we won't be as crowded. Hopefully it will improve the quality of time students spend here. It will also provide for more flexibility for lunches, places to have meetings, and less student traffic," Bernard Wright, assistant principal, said.



Holding the door open, senior Traci Hazen waits for junior Maureen Santos to get her bookbag out of the back seat. New parking spaces were opened for students at the side of the school building. "I like parking there because it's close to the school. It gets really muddy, though, when it rains. They built a mini bridge over the ditch, and until the floods, it was helping a lot. Unfortunately, the floods washed it away," Maureen said.

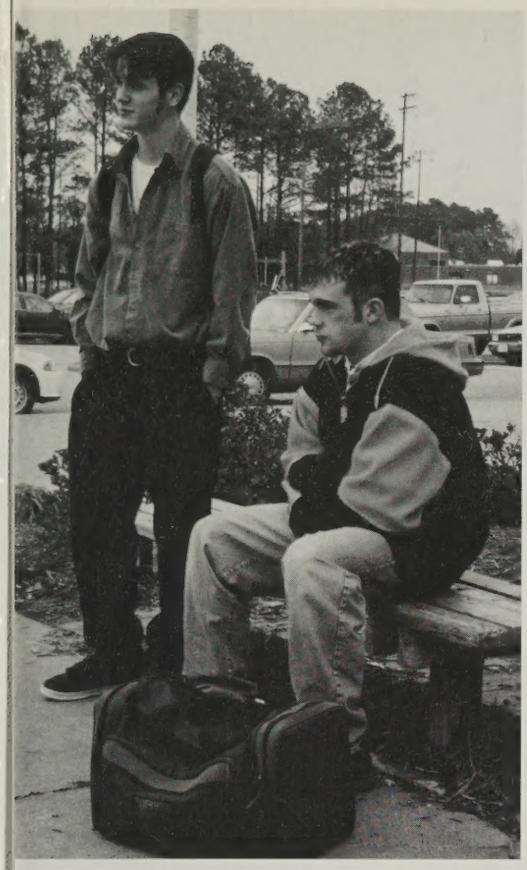
The heating and air conditioning system, lighting, and the roof were among the areas renovated. "The classes before were different temperatures. Usually when it was cold outside, it was too hot in some classes, like the computer room. Also, Mrs. Zak's room was always freezing," junior Amber Kaiser said.

As construction continued through the fall, winter, and spring months, students and faculty adapted themselves to WORKING AROUND IT.

AFTER A GAS LINE CUT, SOPHOMORE DAVID CARTER AND JUNIOR JENNY BROWN SIT ON THE PAVEMENT AND WAIT FOR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL MR. BERNARD WRIGHT TO ALLOW STUDENTS BACK INTO THE SCHOOL. IN THE FALL, THE BUILDING WAS EVACUATED WHEN CONSTRUCTION WORKERS HIT A GAS LINE. "I WAS HAPPY THE LINE WAS CUT BECAUSE I GOT OUT OF A GEOMETRY TEST THAT I HADN'T STUDIED FOR. IT WAS ALSO GOOD BECAUSE I GOT TO BE WITH MY GIRLFRIEND," DAVID SAID. THE GAS LINE CUT WAS THE SECOND EVACUATION IN FOUR YEARS, AFTER THE BOMB THREATS OF 1994-95.

DURING LUNCH SOPHOMORE RANDALL LAWSON STANDS BY SOPHOMORE BRIAN CLOUTIER IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL. DUE TO THE CONSTRUCTION RESTRICTIONS, STUDENTS WHO WANTED TO SPEND LUNCH OUTSIDE WERE REQUIRED TO STAY RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE. IN THE PAST, THEY HAD BEEN ABLE TO EAT LUNCH AT ALMOST ANY AREA AROUND THE SCHOOL, EXCEPT IN DOORWAYS. "MOST OF THE TIME I LIKE EATING LUNCH OUTSIDE, BUT WHEN IT'S COLD I TRY NOT TO BECAUSE MY FINGERS GO NUMB. I GO INSIDE TO EAT THEN," RANDALL SAID.





All Worked Up

Traffic, alterations in lunch schedules add to troubles, inconveniences

--By Nicole Feldl

Literally and figuratively the heart of the school, the commons created a gathering place for all students. However, as the construction on the building affected every aspect of school life, even this hallowed tradition faced changes.

The back of the building was off-limits to students looking for a shortcut to class. As a result, they clogged the halls and commons even more than usual. *"The people who stand around talking are really rude to you if you ask them to move or accidentally hit their backpacks. They act like you're doing something wrong by wanting to get to class,"* ***senior Amy Sutherland said.***

After installation of new ceilings, hood fans, and heating and air conditioning units, the cafeteria still wasn't ready to serve lunch for the first week of school. *"I just moved to Poquoson, and I didn't hear about not having lunches until I arrived at school that morning. Thankfully, I was able to buy a Fruitopia to tide me over until I got home,"* ***junior Mark Rosenow said.***

The construction limited the places that students could eat outside, forcing them to stay mostly inside for lunch. Three lunch periods were formed to compensate for the extra students. *"I don't get to eat lunch with the people I used to. They all have different lunches now, and so it's hard to see them at all,"* ***sophomore Anna Russo said.***

Between divided lunches and increased student traffic, the effects of the construction had students ALL WORKED UP.



AT FAZOLI'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT, SENIORS CHRIS YOUNG AND LIZ RENDER TALK WHILE EATING LUNCH. IN THE FALL, STUDENTS WERE LET OUT OF SCHOOL EARLY DUE TO A GAS LINE CUT BY THE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS. THEY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF BEING FREED FROM SCHOOL BY GOING OUT TO EAT. "I WAS EXUBERANT WHEN I HEARD THAT THE GAS LINE HAD BROKEN. I LOVE IT WHEN SOMETHING OCCURS IN SCHOOL AND WE GET TO GO HOME EARLY. I GUESS THE CONSTRUCTION DOES HAVE SOME ADVANTAGES. WHENEVER MY FRIENDS AND I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY WE LIKE TO GO OUT TO LUNCH. FUDDRUCKERS AND FAZOLI'S ARE OUR FAVORITES," CHRIS SAID.

Break Away

Long break leads to vacations, summer jobs

by Tommy Morgan

The beach, making money, and of course, no school. Sound familiar? Summer vacation was a time for most students to unwind from school and make the most of their vacation.

For most of the upperclassmen, the summer started off with beach week. Students packed their bags and headed to Nags Head, although they had to get permission from their parents before they were allowed to go. "My parents were very doubtful at first, but after three weeks of begging, they decided to allow me to go," senior Crystal Thrasher said.

Students had jobs to occupy their time and provide extra money during the summer. "I worked at the Crab Cake House during the summer. The people I work with are great. The only downer of working there was coming home and my whole family holding their noses because of the fish smell," junior Lara Brown said.

The summer's events were challenging and difficult for students. "This summer, during boot camp, I did push-ups and practiced with my bayonet. In Delta company, a girl dropped dead during the two mile run. One guy cut both of his wrists with a razor on his way to formation in an attempt to kill himself," senior Drew Dixon said.

Because of the extreme heat, students also spent time at the pool. "I never really did much during the summer, other than swim and check out all the ladies that were tanning themselves," freshman Clay Scarry said.

Family trips were events that passed the summer quickly. "I went to Wrightsville Beach, NC, and surfed over head-high waves, then I traveled to Florida for two weeks for fishing and mushies," junior Brett Nicholson said.

The summer's events provided students with an opportunity to travel, make money, and relax.



At senior Liz Render's house, seniors Rachel Fithian, Courtney Judd, and Tomma Winder relax as they sit in the shade. Liz had a bunch of friends over to celebrate the beginning of summer. They talked, went out on canoes, cooked hamburgers, and played volleyball.



On her trip to Australia, senior Sara Johnson pets a Koala. "We traveled for three weeks. We saw koalas and kangaroos in the open, but in a park we could pet them," she said.





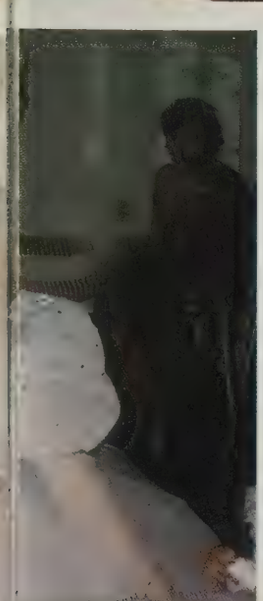
◯ On a cool summer night, senior Pete Anderson sips a Mistic while he stands outside senior Jerry Westcott's house. "Last summer for me was great. I was always doing something awesome. I also made about 4,000 bones lifeguarding and working with older girls," Pete said.





DAVID STUTT
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"This summer I had a chance to go to Myrtle Beach for a week and learn how to surf. I also played a lot of basketball. My favorite part was hanging our with my friends."





◯ Backstage, on the set of *The Wizard of Oz*, senior Sarah Dewey occupies her time by reading a book. "I was only on stage for 15 minutes, so I had a lot of time backstage. My costume made it hard to move around, so I sat down and did some reading," Sarah said. Sarah was cast as Glenda the Good Witch in the play.

◯ Buried in the sand, senior Craig Brown watches the waves. "My girlfriend thought it would be funny to cover me with sand. It was funny for about five minutes, but when I got stuck, it wasn't that great. The sand was so heavy, I couldn't move," Craig said. He was a frequent visitor to Virginia Beach during the summer.

After school, senior Shawn Lacks sits in his room and plays video games. "After a long day, I just like to sit back, relax, and play 'Shroomin' on my Sony Playstation," Shawn said. Shawn received his Playstation from his parents for Christmas.







LINDSEY BRYANT
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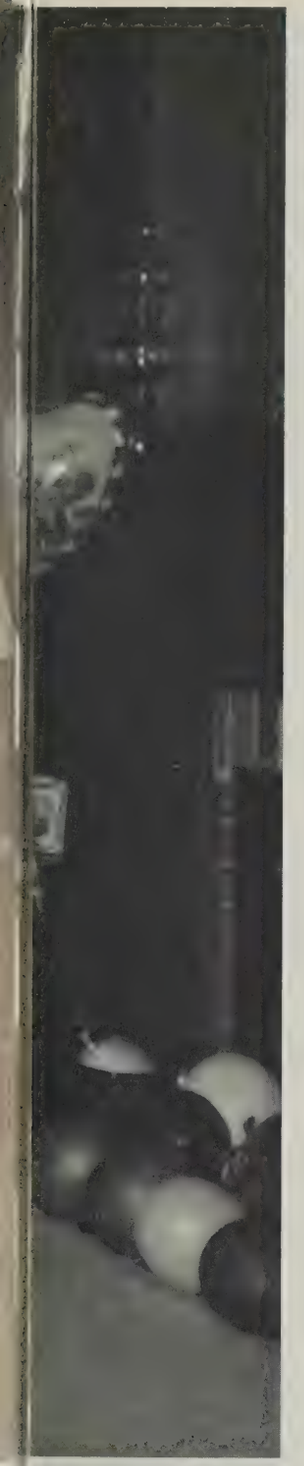
"When I get really stressed out about school, I just like to sit in my room and just chill and listen to some music."

Jamming to his favorite song, "The Beautiful People," sophomore Marc Marconi practices on guitar. "Playing guitar allows me to concentrate on something I enjoy doing," Marc said. Playing instruments was just one of the many techniques students used to relax and take advantage of their free time.



After watching TV at a friend's house, senior Chris Fowler shoots a game of pool with his friend. "Whenever I need to relax, I go to one of my friend's houses and shoot pool for money. It is kind of ironic because instead of relaxing, I get really stressed out and angry from losing a lot of my money," Chris said.





Chill Out

Spare time gives chance to vent stress, relax

by Tommy Morgan

Relax. How does one do it? Students found different ways to overcome the stress of everyday anxiety.

Between busy work schedules, homework, sports, and after school activities, finding additional time to take it easy and relax was a rarity. "I work at Subway, get tutored, play piano, and practice soccer. I usually try to relax at night when all the rest of my activities are completed for the day," junior Jenny Lippincott said.

Others took interest in a hobby to ease their nerves. "Well, I usually enjoy sportfishing, freestyle walking, and bungee jumping. On holidays, I just love to drive out to the mountains and do some bird watching," senior Mike Artis said.

Students often turned to a favorite spot or location to wind down. "I go to my friend's shed and free my mind," junior Robert Stahmer said.

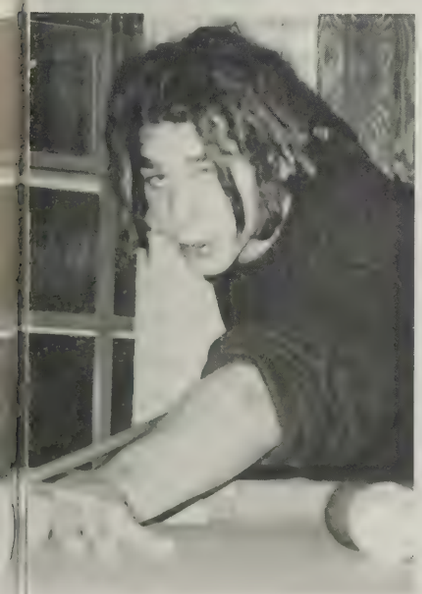
There were also peculiar and odd habits that students used to relax. "I usually enjoy scanning the Internet for elderly movie stars like the Golden Girls," sophomore Paul Page said.

Traditional methods of winding down were popular among students. "I just sit at home and listen to music," freshman Colleen Casey said.

Others liked more unusual ways to relax. "I sit on the couch and eat tomatoes. I also play exciting games on Nintendo and talk on the phone with my girlfriend," sophomore John Abel said.

From playing on the Internet to listening to tunes on the radio, students fulfilled the need to relax in many different forms. The common agreement among everyone was that finding time to relax was a rarity, but everybody found some additional time in their busy days for the body-rejuvenating necessity.

◯ At their friend's slumber party, juniors Kristi Sutton and Shannon Nobile run on a Power Pad. "At Caroline Todd's birthday party over the summer, all us girls played on her Power Pad. It was really fun, but Shannon beat me everytime," Kristi said. Students often found different ways to enjoy the time with their friends.





◯ Sitting in his brother's room, sophomore Johnny Morgan reads a book on advanced techniques in pool. "Getting lost in a book is my favorite way of relaxing," he said.



On the Sunday of the festival, junior Alison Quenville gives a prize to a contestant. "I worked at the lollipop booth for band. I loved to see the kids get so excited," Alison said.



Raise Funds

Festival provides way for classes to earn money, serve community

by Beth Ann Thomas

Funnel cakes, snow cones, games, and the dunking booth were all key factors to the success of the Seafood Festival, but who did all the work to keep each booth running?

The SCA parked cars as their only fund-raiser of the year. "At the beginning of the school year, SCA usually doesn't have much money. By working at the Seafood Fest, we accumulate a large sum of money that lasts us throughout the year," SCA president senior Christa Stutt said.

Since profits were given to different organizations, students worked for free. "I don't think it was difficult to find volunteers to work, because most of the booths were well organized and easy to run," sophomore Amy Fairchild said.

As always, the junior class was in charge of the funnel cake booth. "We made $4,380, which is a record for any junior class. We want to have a great Ring Dance and Prom so this money will help out immensely because we have to pay for all expenses," junior class president Amber Normandin said.

The sophomore class sold snow cones, which was a new booth at the festival. "It was a good idea because there were a lot of little kids, as well as adults, at the festival who liked snow cones," sophomore class president David Stutt said.

Students encountered odd situations while fund-raising at the Seafood Festival. "One woman left her dog locked up in her jeep for over an hour. When we walked by and noticed, we got someone to open the door. I had to watch the dog for an hour until the owner came back," freshman Jessamine Newer said.

Whether it was mandatory or volunteer work, students did all they could to help their organization raise extra money at the Seafood Festival.



On the last day of the festival, sophomore Ann Stuart Cox puts orange flavoring on a snow cone. "I never knew that my entire arms could go numb with cold. My fingers started to blend in with the blue raspberry syrup. But the sophomore class made some money so it was a good idea," Ann said.



Taking orders for refreshments, juniors Katie Powell and Mandie Kern operate the drink stand at the Seafood Festival. "Katie and I came for a few hours to help out the junior class. It turned out to be really fun working," Mandie said. The Seafood Festival provided ways for students to raise funds for their class.



In September at the Seafood Festival, junior Katie Boyle works at the funnel cake booth. "I was lucky to work outside since it was hot that day. But getting lemonade all over my hands wasn't too much fun," Katie said.





EMILE COCHET
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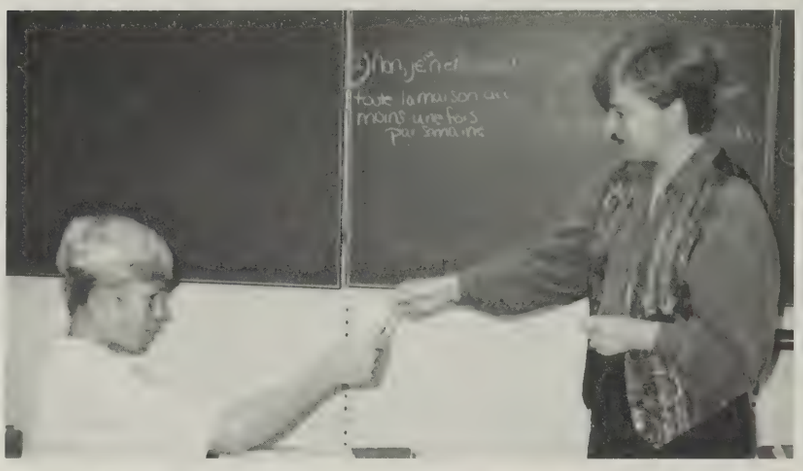
"I worked at the dunking booth for the cheerleaders. Someone actually spent $5 to dunk me. It was cold water, but it was a good cause."



While the others worked inside the funnel cake booth, junior Al Tardif makes lemonade outside. "I made lemonade and cotton candy at the funnel cake booth. Nobody would buy any lemonade though, because they figure Koreans can't make lemonade," Al said.

○ During C-lunch, junior Teresa Betts lends sophomore Amy Fairchild a few dollars to buy lunch. "I left my lunch at home, so Teresa was really kind enough to buy me lunch," Amy said. Students sometimes borrowed money to buy lunch if they left their lunches at home or just simply forgot to bring their lunch money.





○ Starting a workbook activity, sophomore Ross Hudgins borrows a pen from Mrs. Helen Small. "I had to borrow the pen because we had to do our homework in our workbooks,and we have to do the homework in pen," Ross said. Many teachers expected students to hand work in done in ink so students had to borrow a pen if they didn't have one.

○ Before school, junior Jamie Rogers borrows some magazines from junior Carolynn Roncaglia. "Jamie said she needed some magazines for a German project so I lent her some," Carolynn said. Students used magazines for projects in classes like foreign language.

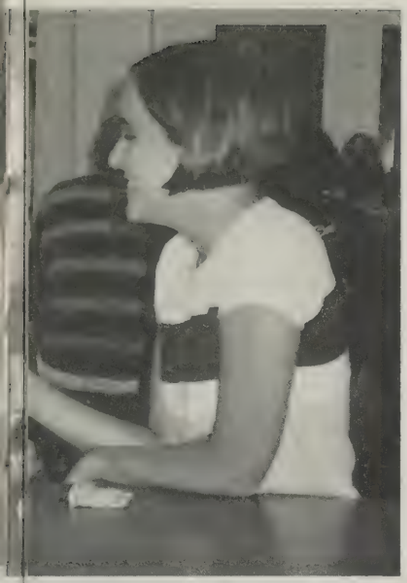






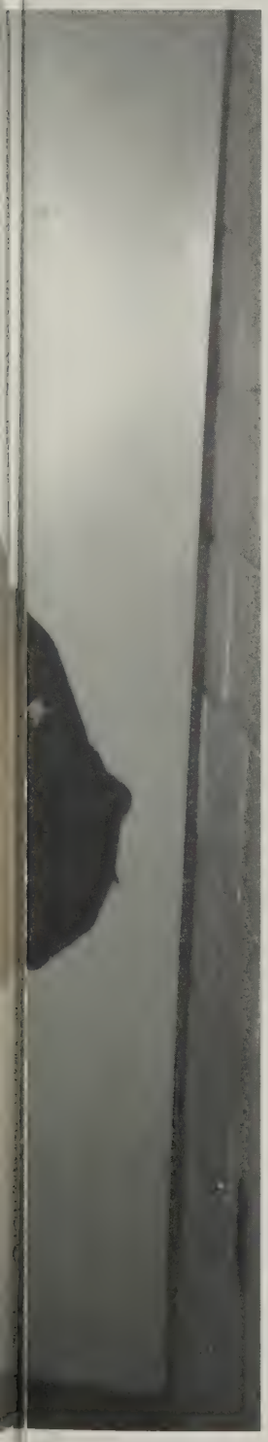
WHITNEY ALLEN
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"I love to borrow other people's stuff, but I never get any of mine back! I end up going to their house and finding my clothes in the bottom of their closet."





While working on a worksheet, junior Meredith Cassell lends sophomore Amy Doernte colored pencils. "We had to color in our periodic tables in chemistry," Meredith said.



In the hall after school, junior Suchi Vatsa hands her English book to junior Jennifer Bookwalter. "Our Quest was due the following Monday, and Jen has lost her literature book. Good friend that I am, I loaned her mine," Suchi said. With the help of Suchi's book, Jennifer finished her Quest for AP Journalism on time.

Borrow Items

Friends take advantage of other's belongings, valuables

by Ruth Ann Hultman

Possession is nine-tenths of the law.

So where does borrowing fit in?

Students had different reasons for borrowing things, and sometimes, for not returning them. "I borrowed my best friend's jacket. I didn't give it back because it looks cool on me and plus she lives all the way down in Hampton," senior Samedy Mang said.

Students sometimes faced circumstances beyond their control that made it difficult to return the stuff they borrowed. "I borrowed my best friend's soccer balls and then he moved to Ohio and I never gave them back, since he moved," sophomore Ryan Hudgins said.

When the tables were turned, students had a different opinion on borrowing. "I let someone borrow some computer game disks and they didn't give them back until the very last day of school. It was very nerve-racking," sophomore Jason Harklerode said.

There were consequences for borrowing someone else's things without asking. "I borrowed my brother's CD's without telling him but he found out a week later and told my parents. I got in trouble and couldn't listen to my CD player for the rest of the summer," junior Jamie Rogers said.

Students borrowed things out of the ordinary. "Once my friend took my horse on a ride by the barn and my horse came back without my friend, so I borrowed someone else's horse to go find my friend, since my horse was scared," junior Lindsay Lane said.

Sometimes students took advantage of people they borrowed from. "I always let people borrow my things and I hardly ever get them back," junior Ashley Brownley said.

Whether or not something was borrowed, there was the possibility it wouldn't be returned. So when borrowing, remember to ask, and be sure to return it.

Spread Spirit

Different activities provide enthusiasm, school pride

by Ruth Ann Hultman

Besides the fact that classes and homework occupied time, float building, hall decorating, the football game, and dressing up took priority in students' lives.

Float building took place from 6 to 9 at the middle school field house during the beginning of Spirit Week. Students had trouble completing normal school work because they spent most of their time trying to finish their float. "It was hard to finish my homework and also help with our float. I either had to stay up late or do it in first hour," junior Grayson Bunting said.

Hall decorating was just as time-consuming as float building. Students sometimes left and then came back later to finish decorating. "Hall decorating was a lot of fun. My friend and I stayed after until 4:30 and at that time it seemed like we would never finish. But when we went back at 8, it was almost finished. It's amazing how quickly we can work," sophomore Amy Fairchild said.

Float making and hall decorating weren't the only activities during the week. Students showed their spirit by dressing up, especially the seniors for the last day, which was toga day. "My favorite day of Spirit Week was toga day. I've been looking forward to it since I started high school. It was fun making the togas and especially fun wearing them at the pep rally. Also, I was kind of sad because this year is our last year of high school," senior Sheri Firth said.

The excitement of Spirit Week was fun, but some students enjoyed the relaxed school work schedule. "My favorite day of Spirit Week was Friday because we got to leave to go home early," freshman Jenn Johnson said.

Whether students participated in float building, hall decorating or dressing up, Spirit Week provided something for everyone.



During the pep rally on the last day of Spirit Week, the Homecoming King, senior Josh Kovar, laughs as the cheerleaders do their performance around him. "I think I've changed the way people will look at Homecoming King from now on. I brought a certain style and image to the court. I guess the best part about the whole thing was the cheerleaders telling me, after the assembly, how much they enjoyed kissing me," Josh said. The Homecoming King was randomly chosen.



At the Homecoming pep rally, senior Pedro Garcia busts a rhyme for his teammates. "Rapping in front of them was fun. I was scared at first, but when I got up there it was all good," he said.





After her name was announced, senior Tammi Perok receives her crown from graduate Jennifer Davison. "It was a big honor. It felt good to have been chosen, but to have an old softball teammate crown me, made it much more special," Tammi said.





JEFF STALLINGS
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"I think the best part of Spirit Week was working on our class float and hall. It gave us time to be with our friends. Plus we had the best float."





Participating during Spirit Week, juniors Kristi Sutton and Tracie VanHeeswyk dress like twins. "Twin Day is my favorite day during Spiri Week. Tracie and I always try to do something crazy. I think people really liked our glasses," Kristi said. The girls coordinated their outfits days in advance because it was a very hectic week.

For seniors, Homecoming Friday was a last opportunity to show their true school spirit. Wearing togas was the tradition, but some seniors opted to carry it a little further. "The night before Toga Day, I went to Super K Mart and bought this groovy yellow wig. I stayed awake all night using a pick to make it as large as possible. It turned out to be a real chick magnet, so it was worth my while," senior Ian Lamprecht said.

In the middle of the dance, SCA president senior Christa Stutt announces the Homecoming court. "I was so nervous because the DJ had messed up and played the King and Queen's song earlier in the night, so I had to figure out another song for him to play," she said.





TAMMI PEROK
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"When I was crowned Homecoming Queen, it was a very exciting moment. I felt very honored to be chosen to represent my school. I will never forget it."



During a fast song, junior Erika Kohr, senior Jarrett Yehlen, and graduate Preston Noe boogie together. "Preston and I love dancing. When we were younger, we used to practice in front of mirrors at our houses," Jarrett said. The dance was moved from the commons to the gym because of the crowded conditions.



During the Homecoming dance, junior Maureen Sontos takes a break from dancing and talks with graduate Malcolm Matheson. "It was nice to see Malcolm while he was visiting from college at Homecoming," Maureen said. Many graduates came back for Homecoming week to participate in the activities.





Break Tradition

Changing of dance location causes mixed emotions

by Beth Ann Thomas

Towards the back of the gym, senior Traci Hazen and date James Bradenburg dance to one of the slower songs. Homecoming provided a chance for couples from different schools to get together. "Dances are the best when we are together. Homecoming was a blast," Traci said. Homecoming was a dance where students could either go stag or take a date.

A fire might start!

This was the thought of the fire department, administrators, and teachers who decided to break tradition and move the Homecoming dance from the commons to the gym.

In previous years, the senior class used their hall decorations in the commons to serve as Homecoming decorations. "Having the dance in the gym was a disadvantage because it was like a middle school dance all over again. It messed up tradition for my senior year," Nina Richardson said.

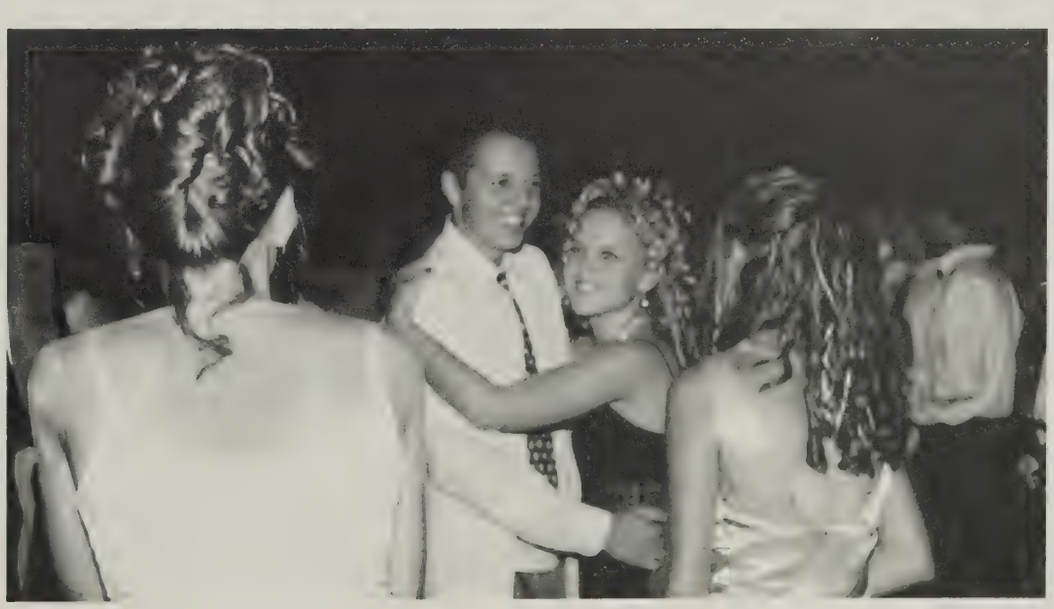
Although having the dance in the gym broke a long tradition, it solved the problem of the incredible heat. "The heat situation wasn't extremely bad this year because the gym is a much bigger space than the commons and everyone doesn't have to crowd up to dance. Overall I thought it was better, but it still felt like a middle school dance," sophomore John Pauls said.

Despite the fact that many students were unsatisfied with their Homecoming dance, others found a way to make the best out of the situation. "This year's Homecoming was the best dance ever because it was on my sixteenth birthday. The whole night was perfect: my date, dinner, the dance, everything," junior Stephanie Skinner said.

For the freshmen, having the dance in the gym wasn't a big change from their middle school dances. "I thought high school dances would be really different than middle school dances, but the gym made everything seem the same. The only difference was that at high school dances, people actually dance, not walk around," freshman Jessica Messick said.

Although students were dissatisfied with the dance being held in the gym, they made unforgettable memories and adjusted to the changes.





During their dance, seniors Josh Kovar and Tammi Perok pose for a picture for a friend. "I have been friends with Josh for a long time. It was nice to share the dance together,' Tammi said.



Between laps, senior Ian Lamprecht watches Tom Dolan swim. "During the summer I had some competition in meets," Ian said. The meet was held in Jacksonville, Florida, and featured other Olympic medalists.



Get Wet

Beaches, pools, rivers allow for slippery fun

by Tommy Morgan

Surfing, skimboarding, and fishing. The water provided different ways for students to enjoy themselves. From sports to joyriding on their boats, they tried all kinds of flips, curls, and hanging ten on the water.

Water sports encouraged competitive events that kept students busy. "My favorite water activity is skimboarding. I've been skimboarding for three years, and I made my own board. I show it off to all the ladies at the beach," freshman Jeff Stallings said.

Students had embarrassing yet humorous events take place in the water. "I was swimming in a major swim meet and in the middle of the race I reached over the lane and hit the guy next to me in the head," senior Ian Lamprecht said.

The water was also a place for relaxing and trying to catch some fish. "I fish quite often. Sometimes I take my houseboat, other times I take our little skipper. The best is when I get a bunch of hotties and just chill out in the river. I always bring a lot of sunscreen because I don't want to get burnt," sophomore Jason Freeman said.

Other students used the water for good old fun and games. "I attempt to boogie board and I also enjoy goofing around with my friends. Some days I just like to sit on the beach and watch my boyfriend hang-ten," junior Katie Powell said.

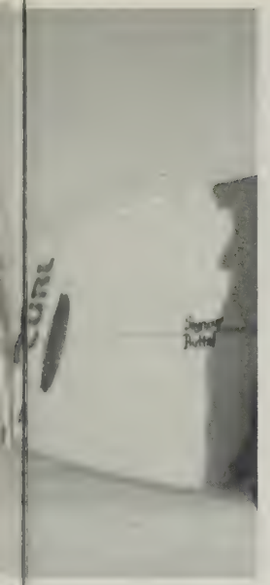
Students each had different reasons why they loved the water. "The best thing about the ocean is the sound of the waves rolling up and down the shore. It's such a powerful rhythm," sophomore Whitney Allen said.

Senior Craig Brown had a different opinion. "I love going to the beach because I enjoy looking at the babes walk by," he said.

Whether it was riding down the line or just relaxing, students bonded with the water in different ways.



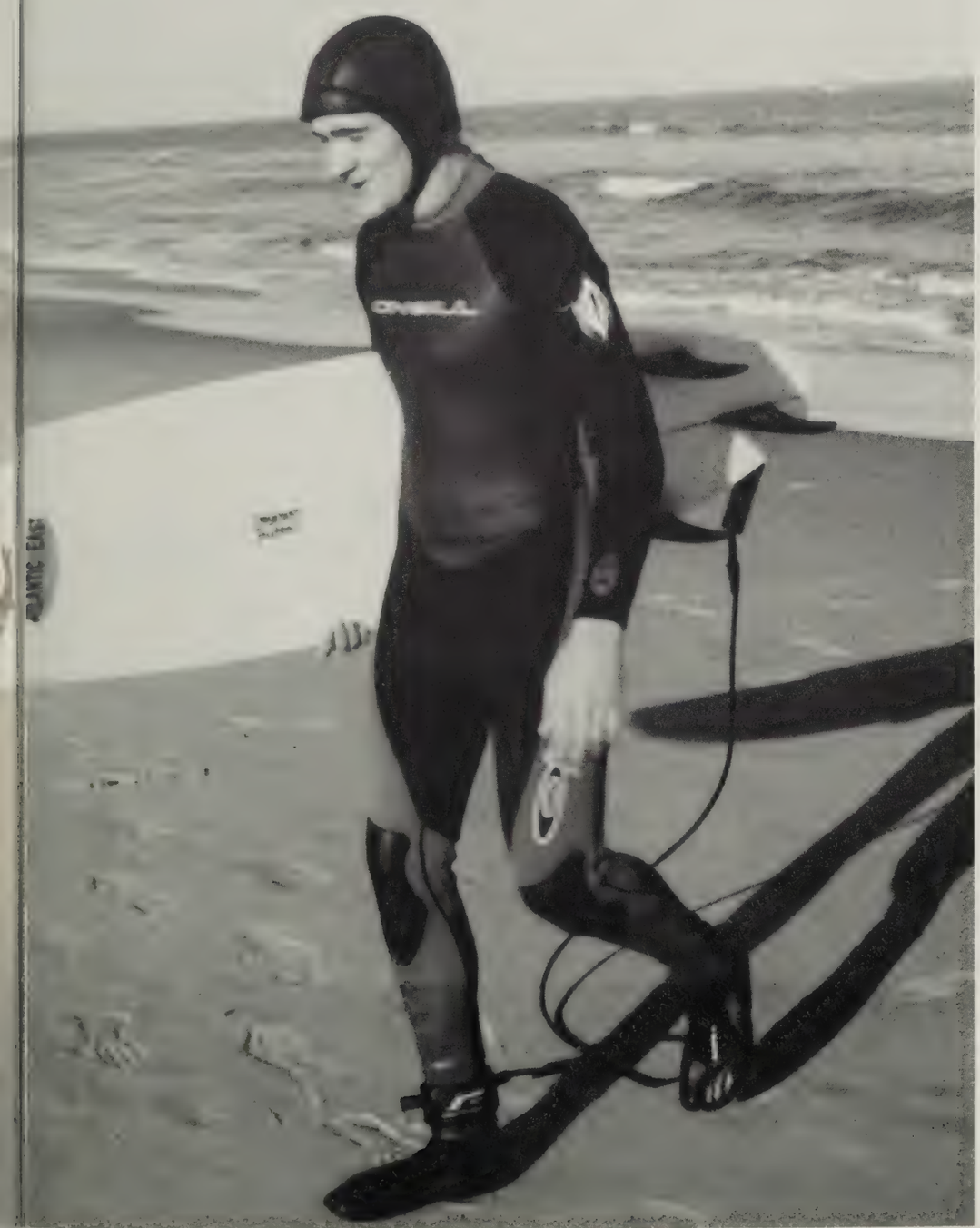
After surfing for a brief period of time, junior Chris Render leaves the water because of the cold temperature. "The waves, almost ripples in the water, were not rideable at all and without my gloves, my hands were just about frozen off. Even though the trip may have been a failure of a surfing trip, I still had a lot of fun with my friends," Chris said. Chris wore a wetsuit to keep warm in the water during the colder months.



○ Taking a break after hanging ten, senior Pete Anderson relaxes on the beach. Pete made frequent visits to the beach and traveling up and down the coast of Virginia. "Surfing this year hasn't been great, because of the El Nino. It has been a real disappointment in the ways of surf," Pete said.



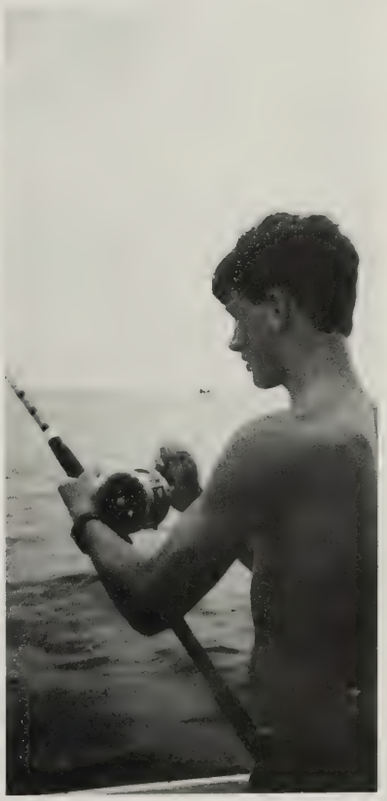
○ Racing on his wave runner, sophomore Steven Purdy tries to catch up with sophomore David Stutt. "During the summer, when I'm not playing golf, I like to ride jet skis. But now, since they came out with the law of no wreckless driving, there is no point in riding anymore," Steven said. Jet skis were also used to pull friends on tubes.





WILL POWELL
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"Fishing is my favorite water sport. It is fun trying to hook the fish and then reeling them in. I also like being in the water and swimming while fishing."



○ Casting his reel on a cloudy day, senior Craig Brown tries his luck at fishing. "I like fishing because you never know what you are going to catch," Craig Said. Craig came up empty handed on his fishing outing that day.

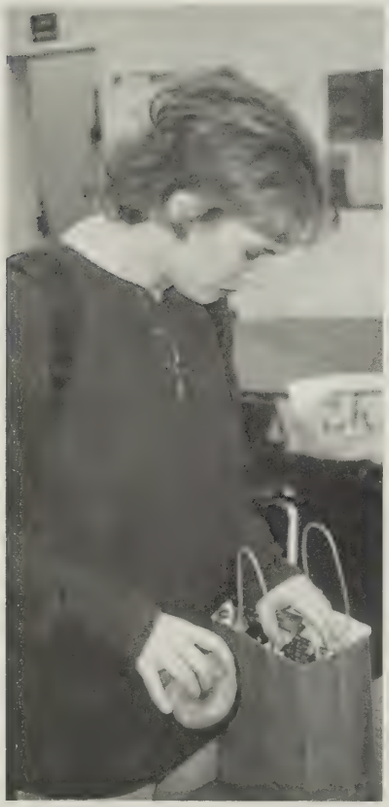
○ At the SCA Christmas party, freshman Holly McDaniel opens her present. "It was my first SCA party. I had so much fun opening presents and I got the cutest teddy bear," she said. There was a Chinese gift exchange where everyone brought presents and then they could steal presents from each other.



○ In her den on Christmas morning, freshman Colleen Casey sits by the tree and opens her presents. "Usually we get up very early and open presents, but this year my family and I slept in. I think that Christmas was more interesting when I was younger," she said. Colleen mostly received clothes, but she also got a snowboard.

○ In between classes, senior Blair Hardaway glances at her presents from friends. "I always enjoy Christmas because of the smiles on people's faces when you give them their gifts. It 's always interesting to see what my friends give. I received some stationary and donuts," said Blair. Students exchanged gifts the day before holidays started.









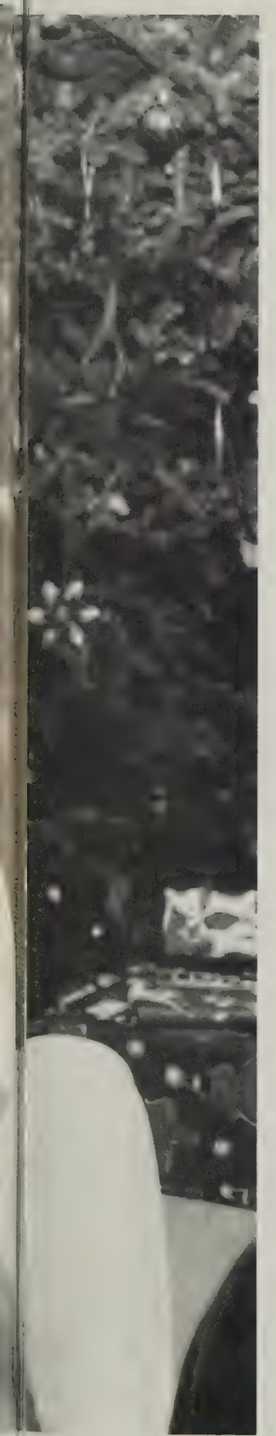
KRISTA DONALDSON
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"My brother got a potato gun for Christmas. My mom would only let him shoot it in the woods. He ended up hitting a bird and giving himself a black eye."





◯ Discovering her new gift, senior Vicki Firth opens one of her Christmas presents. "Every year on Christmas Eve I get pajamas from my parents to wear that night. I was so excited to get Pooh pajamas," she said.



◯ After finding the hidden ornament, junior Shannon Nobile opens her "prize" gift. "My mom thought it would be fun to start a new Christmas tradition. They hid a pickle ornament in the tree and whoever found it got an extra present. My brothers and I searched the whole tree and finally I found it. The prize was a jar of pickles, five dollars, and McDonald's gift certificates," Shannon said.

Wrap Gifts

Holiday break gives chance to worship, practice tradition

by John Chapman

The spending, the traveling, and the spirituality. Students experienced all of these during Christmas.

After braving the crowds in the malls and the traffic, the worst thing that could happen to a person was buying the wrong gift. Sometimes it was difficult to buy the perfect gift for friends. "Everyone on my list was simple to shop for except my girlfriend. I had to figure out what to get her on my own because she gave me no hints of what she wanted," senior Shawn Lacks said.

Students traveled during the holidays to visit relatives. "I went to Washington D.C. with my family and grandparents. We had a lot of fun spending time with each other," senior Jenny Stallings said.

Each family had a certain tradition that they carried out during the holidays. "My family always goes to New York over Christmas break. My whole family is there, and we open our presents one at a time on Christmas day. It takes forever, but it's fun," junior Alison Quenville said,

Christmas was more exciting for students when they thought that Santa Claus was coming. They could remember the Christmas when they stopped believing in Santa Claus. "As I grew older, my mom said that I was in charge of wrapping presents for the rest of the family. On Christmas morning, I noticed that a lot of the presents that I had wrapped for my brothers had tags on them that said, 'From Santa'," senior Elizabeth Render said.

During the celebration of Christmas, students felt that it was often easy to overlook the religious aspect of the holiday. "I try to focus on the religious side of Christmas along with all of the fun and celebrating. It makes for a cool mixture," junior Jordan Johnson said.

Perform Plays

Chorus combines with actors to make musical

by April Klaassen

The curtain rises. As the spotlight hits your face, the audience disappears beyond the stage. The silence is broken by your voice as you say the first line, and the play begins.

Whether acting on stage, working backstage, or operating the technical equipment, plays took up the students' time. "The practices for *Grease* were extremely long. Some days I was there from 5:30 until 11:00 at night. I learned how little sleep I needed to function in school," junior Melanie Buckley said.

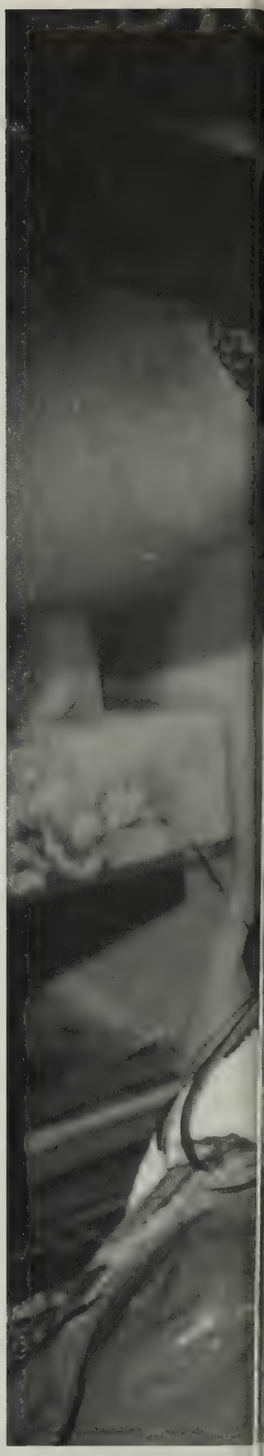
For actors, memorizing lines was a necessity. Routines were effective in helping an actor learn his or her lines. "I first read over the piece a couple of times. Then, I just concentrated on my character's part. Repetition is the key. By opening night, my lines had become like everyday speech," senior Ashleigh Schuller said.

Anxiety was a normal feeling to have right before a performance. Actors found it comforting. "I don't try to keep calm before performing. Before a performance is when the excitement hits and what makes actors perform our best," senior Matt Williams said.

Certain roles challenged students and helped them to adapt to their discomforts. "My most challenging role so far was when I was a moustache seller. I had to wear a can-can skirt and a very small top. I was embarrassed at the performance, but I had a good time," sophomore Rachel Ricklefs said.

Techies contributed to each play by operating the sound and lights. "I like watching the plays as well as helping Mike pick out the sound effects to use in each particular play. I've made a lot of friends as well, working with actors and crew members," junior Meredith Cassell said.

Success of each play depended on who was involved. Students involved found it time consuming, but exciting and rewarding.



With fright in her eyes, senior Sarah Dewey wonders whether her change in hairstyle to play a role in the school play *Grease* was worth it. "I was really scared; I'd never done anything like that to my hair before. It was exciting, though. It really helped me become my character when I looked in a mirror," Sarah said.



Before the production of the fall one-act, *Audience*, juniors Paul Gilbert and Raychel Evans practice their lines. "Raychel stressed out, but everyone forgot their lines anyway," Paul said.





○ During rehearsal for *Grease*, freshman John Dewey and junior Lara Brown practice choreography for the show's first song. "We were dancing during the first song and I was thinking how thankful I was that we pulled it together in time," John said.





Lindsay Gallaer
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"I enjoy being in front of people and making new friends. My best memories all came from Grease. The people were great to work with."

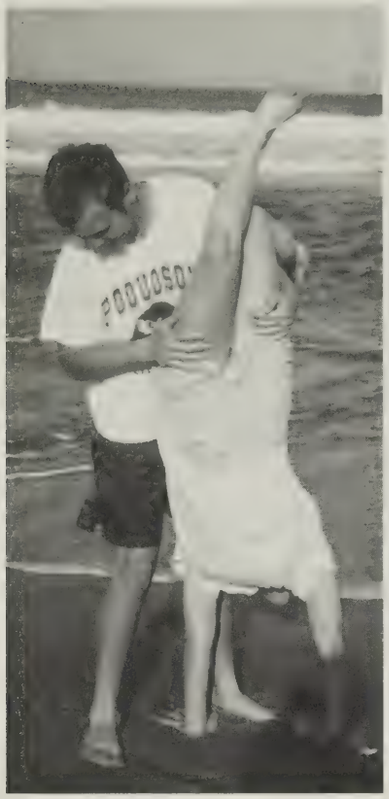




○ In dress rehearsal for *Grease*, seniors Jason Barnett and Tara Starner perform a song for the first scene. For students involved in the play, it was an experience to remember. "*Grease* was such a great show to perform in. We had a wonderful cast and a great director. It was a great way to end my senior year," Tara said.

○ In the middle school auditorium, seniors Ashleigh Schuller and Chris Young rehearse for the one-act competition. "The hardest part about this scene from *White Room of My Remembering* was not laughing because I was supposed to be acting very seriously. I played Mama and Chris played Papa. It was the second time we were 'married' in high school," Ashleigh said.

Playing on the beach, seniors Tommy Crittenden and Alexis Ross try to do hand stands. "After working on our tan for three hours, Ali and I were bored, so we decided to test out our gymnastics skills in the sand. I had to help her stay up most of the time," Tommy said.







ERIN COBB
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"During Spring Break I sat around the house and did nothing. It was pretty cool to catch up on all of my soaps and watch daytime TV."

On a trip to Nags Head, seniors Beth Ann Thomas and Jamison Potter visit a petting zoo. "I tried to get the llama to eat some grass, but when that didn't work, I hopped the fence and chased it around. I wanted to ride it," Jamison said. Although he didn't get to ride the llama, he got a chance to pet a pig.



Sitting in the back of his friend's boat, sophomore Will Powell rides to the next fishing spot. "I caught a lot of huge fish over Spring Break. But the day we set sail with Captain Morgan we basically just ended up chilling and didn't catch a darn thing," he said. Will's largest catch of the day was a 26-inch striped bass.





Leave Town

One week break allows time for travel, vacationing

by Tommy Morgan

Sun bathing, visiting relatives, and making money. Students used many ways to unwind during the much-awaited spring break.

There were many things which students did instead of just having fun over spring break. Finding a job for the summer was a priority for many. "I spent some of spring break looking for a new job. I applied to a few places, but only Mercury Video called me back. My new job has a lot of perks," senior Dave Nadolny said.

Other students spent their vacation adjusting to a new job. "I baby-sat a lot over spring break. It was tough trying to pay attention to 3 year olds, but overall I made some good money," freshman Ashley Carter said.

The beach was a popular place to visit. "I got up with some good buds of mine and we went surfing at Nags Head all week. I caught one wave and broke my surfboard nose," junior John Hardin said.

Spring break was spent with families and visiting relatives who hadn't been seen in a while. "Over spring break I visited my cousin David Freeman in the mountains. The mountains were capped in white powder. I had a good time with David and his buds," junior Chuck Diggs said.

Spring break vacation for some included staying in town with friends and just hanging out. "During my spring break I hung out with my friends and had a groovy time. When I wasn't throwing down at Petey's, I was with the chick magnet Johnny. His girls made my spring break quite memorable," senior Shawn Lacks said.

Spring break provided many good memories and a much needed vacation. Trying to find jobs was as common as having fun. Students spent their time having fun and getting away from the dreaded school environment.

Students took advantage of the free time in Myrtle Beach on the band trip. There were many options and things to do. Juniors Alison Quenville and Ryan Ferry play a game of basketball during the much enjoyed free time. "We had a bit of free time so Ryan and I decided to play HORSE. I had challenged him and ended up kicking his butt," Alison said.





On their vacation during the break, Christy McIntyre and Lisa Schwenneker frolic in the water. "We went to Key West to see my cousin and went sailing everyday," Christy said.



○ Before Sadie Hawkins, SCA decorated for the dance. Sophomore J.B. Richardson shows Natalie Stallings what to draw. "I was happy a lot of people helped," Natalie said.



Hang Decor

Volunteers give time to prepare, lend hands

by Beth Ann Thomas

Instead of going home on Friday afternoons to prepare for the weekend's festivities, they stay after until the job is complete. Sometimes it takes hours, but they do it anyway. Who are they? Students who care about the dance decorations.

Clubs often volunteered to help prepare for dances. Club leaders had different ways to get students involved. "We offer points by the hour, so many SCA members who need points stay as long as possible to get lots of them," dance committee chairperson senior Rebecca Turbish said.

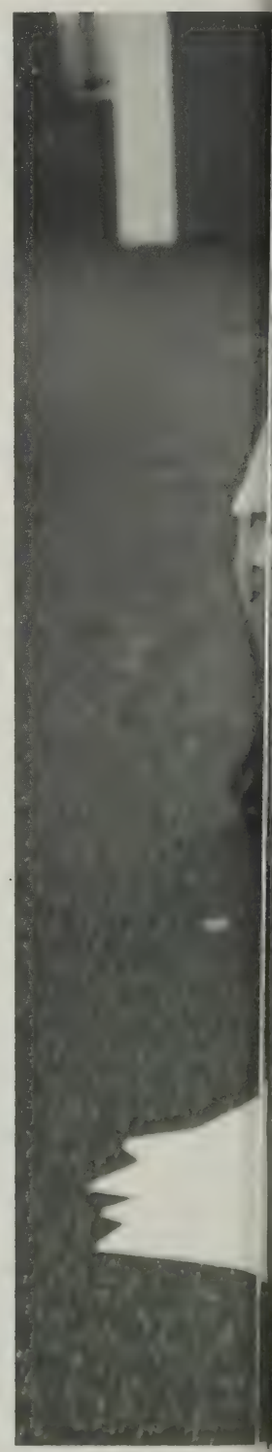
Students had different reasons why they helped decorate. "I enjoy the smell of spray paint and I also get points for SCA," senior Karen Basnett said.

Not all dances were decorated for by students. "We decided to use a decorator for Ring Dance this year because we had more money at the beginning of the year from Herff Jones and the funnel cake booth, so we thought it would be easier to hire someone else. It's pretty ironic because we did end up doing a lot ourselves," junior class president Amber Normandin said.

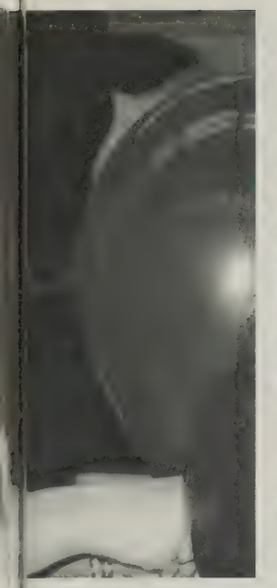
Students felt that there were disadvantages to decorating for dances. "I don't like it when everybody leaves before the job is finished because only a few people are left to finish and it takes forever," sophomore Jason Freeman said.

Because most of the dances were decorated for after school, many people couldn't help because of other obligations. "It's hard to help decorate for dances because I usually have other things to do. When I can help, I like it because it's a lot more fun than people may think," freshman Jeff Stallings said.

Whether students volunteered to decorate because they had to or they wanted to, the job always got done.



○ On a half day after school, junior Amber Normandin helps decorate a poster. "I help with decorating because usually we don't get a lot of help doing it, but everyone likes the dances to look nice. Decorating is just a small way to give our dances some class," Amber said. The preparations were for the Disco Dance.



Setting up for the Valentine's dance, junior Tracie VanHeeswyk hangs up red balloons that were in the shape of a heart. "When we were hanging it from the ceiling, it was lopsided and looked more like lips than a heart. We had to adjust it three times," she said. The balloons were hung between the doors of the cafeteria.



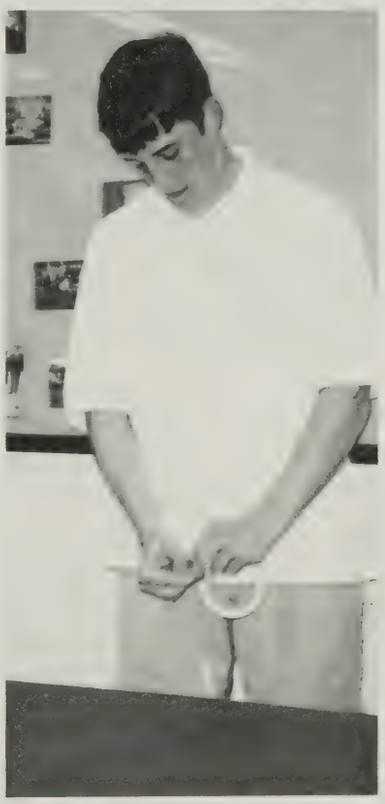
At the float decorating, senior Jennifer Brandt goes over some plans for decorations for the Homecoming dance. "The dance got moved from the commons to the gym, so the senior class had to help decorate the gym," Jennifer said. The hall decorations served as decorations in previous years, so the new change was another responsibility for the senior class.





Jesse Dunlap
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"I like to help out because I feel like I did something while I'm dancing. When I hear someone talk about how nice it was, they are complimenting me."



Putting tape on the back of some paper, freshman Jeff Parrish prepares to cover the walls. "I was standing around waiting on my ride and someone asked me to help put up decorations on the walls," he said. Students often asked random people to help decorate.

After cutting a yard, senior Craig Brown trims around a tree. "I enjoy cutting grass, mainly because of the fresh aroma the grass makes after I'm done. I set my own hours and rates. My favorite thing is racing around on my twin diesel six gear John Deere 2000 lawnmower," Craig said. He made $3500 over the summer.





Working at the Crabcake House, junior Ben Thompson writes down an order. "I like my job working with all kinds of different people. I also make a lot of money on busy nights," Ben said. Ben's parents owned the restaurant and he also worked as a cook.

Ringing up an order, junior Valerie Brauer returns some cash. "My job at Zooms is pretty easy. I clean, cook, and ring people up. One time I caught someone shoplifting and I broke bad on him," Valerie said. She worked at Zooms for seven months.







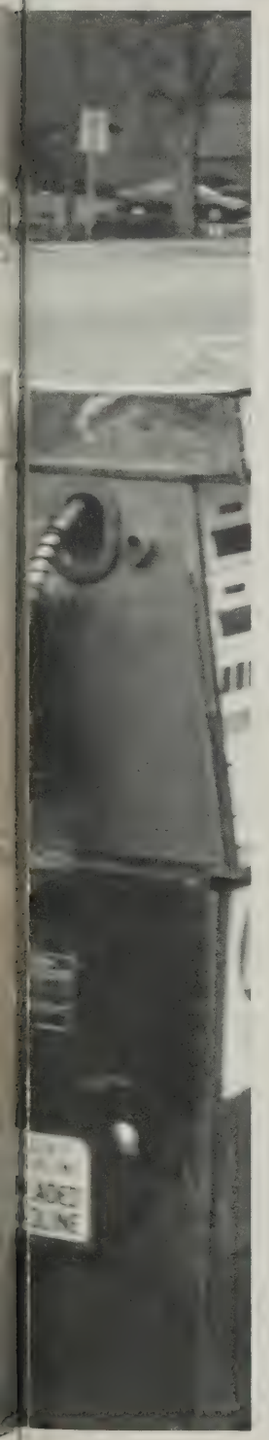
DOUG SHANNON
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"I worked as a lawn manicurist over the summer. It was hard because I had a lawn cutting machine that barely shaved the trimmings. It was difficult."





Talking to a tourist, senior Chris Young tries to interest someone in a game. "I really enjoy working in the Busch Gardens games department and acting as a job," Chris said.



Pumping gas for a customer, junior Robert Stahmer waits for the tank to fill. "All I do at Metro Market is hold a fat wad of cash. I give change to the customers and fill propane, but most of the time I sit and socialize," Robert said. He worked 25-hour weeks and usually got weekends off.

Earn Money

After school, weekends bring time to work, make extra money

by Page Bishop

The most valuable lessons in life are taught through experience.

Jobs gave students responsibility and required effort. Jobs influenced their lives during the school year. Many students had part-time jobs to either help out their parents or to earn extra pocket money.

Going to school and working at the same time often left students pressed for time. "I work at Subway about 15 hours each week. Sometimes it's hard to balance work with homework, sports, clubs, and band, but I like having my job because I don't rely on my parents for money. It is a form of independence," senior Courtney Judd said.

When they worked a lot of hours, it seemed like the same routine day after day. Students often needed a good laugh to brighten up their days. "I work at the Ameri-Stop food mart after school. An Elvis impersonator walks into the store at the same time nearly every day. If that isn't enough, he actually signs his checks as 'Elvis'," senior Katie Martin said.

Other students found no need to press themselves with a demanding job. "I work on Saturday mornings doing yardwork. It doesn't interfere with schoolwork and it just gives me a few extra dollars. It is hard to get hired being 15, and besides, I really don't want a job right now anyway," sophomore James Rosensteel said.

Many students chose to volunteer their time rather than work. "I help dislexic children at the primary school by working with them on their reading skills. The children are always thrilled to see me and that gives me personal satisfaction," freshman Katie Kern said.

Jobs were an important factor in students' lives. Working influenced grades, activities, and personal agendas. Jobs shaped the way the school year went for students.

Visit Places

Families, friends pack bags to journey, explore

by Ruth Ann Hultman

Your bags are packed, tickets bought, you have your passport, only one carry-on, dramamine, gum and plenty to do on the trip there. Now all you have to do is make it to your travel destination.

Traveling was an annual occurrence for some students. There were certain places traveled to each year. "I always go skiing in Colorado over winter break, and it is so cold that I probably drink five mugs of hot cocoa each day. The mountains and the snow are beautiful there," sophomore Julia Goldman said.

Students held good memories about their traveling experiences. "This summer I went to New York with a group of French students. I had never been to New York before and I was supposed to be the disc jockey for the dance. New York is very different from Poquoson. Words of advice: if you ever go to the Statue of Liberty and the elevator is broken, don't walk all the way to the top. I don't think I would have had as much fun as I did if I wasn't with the French students and my friend," junior Britney Compton said.

Going out of state wasn't necessary for a good travel experience. "I went to Makemi Woods Church Camp and had a blast. The camp was enveloped by woods and for two weeks it was as if time stopped. It was so peaceful to get away from all the hassles of life," senior Courtney Judd said.

Not all of the travel experiences that students had were positive. Some students had bad luck when it came to traveling. "On my trip to the Bahamas our flights were canceled five times and I missed half a cruise. It was horrible," freshman Megan Mabe said.

Traveling was a way for students to experience new things. Even though not all the experiences students had were good, they were all memorable.



While on vacation with her family, sophomore Amy Fairchild goes scuba diving. "This Christmas my whole family went to the Caribbean. We all love to scuba dive and about nine of us went diving together at St. Barth's," she said. Many students went to warmer climates during winter break to escape the cold.



During her cruise to the Caribbean, junior Christy McIntyre greets a parrot. "My family went to St. Thomas and St. Martin. I went scuba diving on this big barrier reef," Christy said.





○ The beach was a popular place to visit. "Going to Nags Head with my friends during Spring Break was great, especially eating good food at Pigman's," junior Brian Bunting said. Vacations provided the perfect time for students to get away from Poquoson.





CAROLINE TODD
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"Overseas is the best place to travel because it's a once-in-a- lifetime chance. Everything is much different than in the United States."



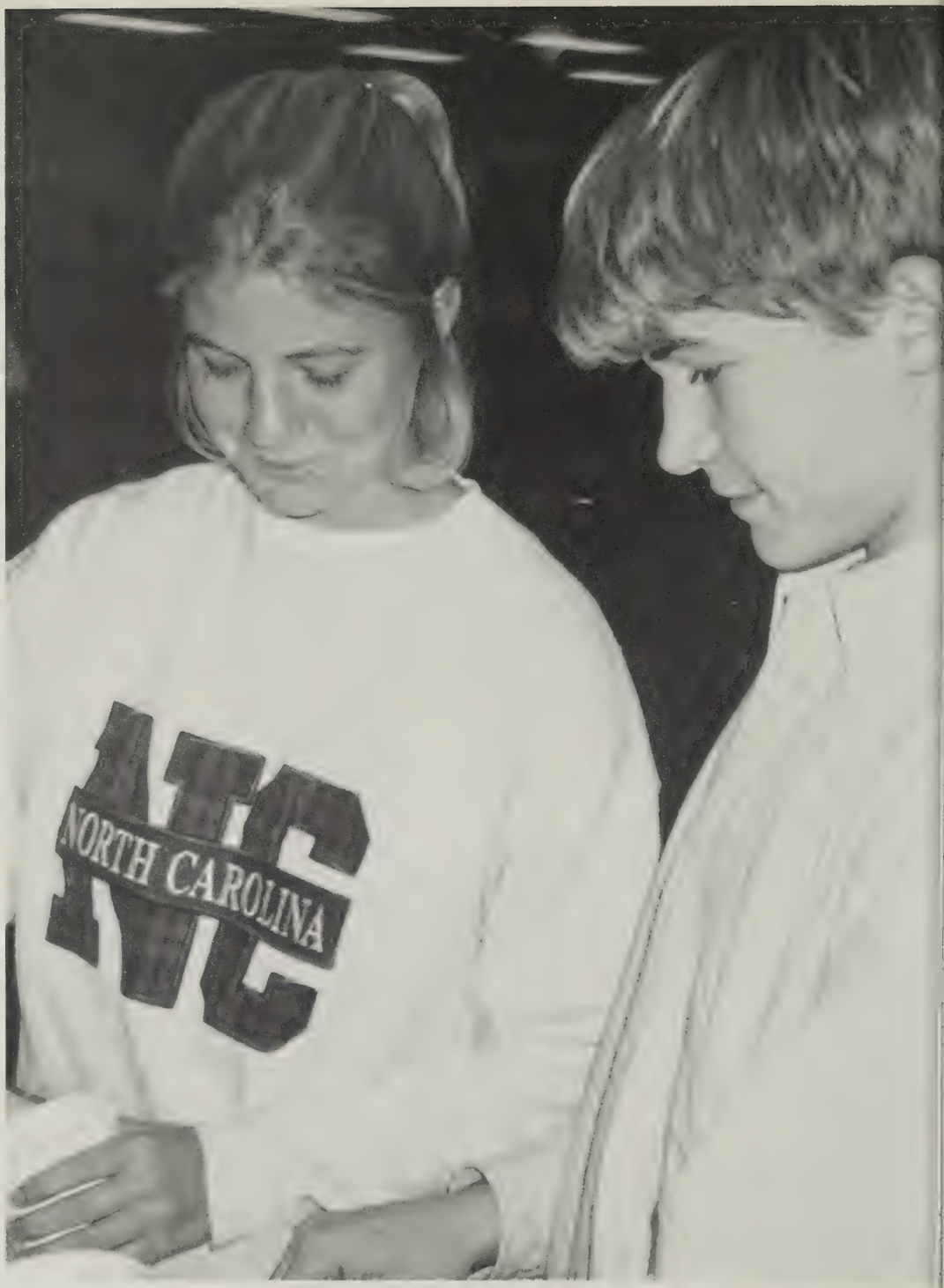


○ Sitting in a nearby McDonald's, seniors Rebecca Turbish and Beth Ann Thomas eat soup from a famous vendor in New York City. "We got soup from the Soup Nazi when we went to New York for yearbook class. I got chicken vegetable and there were little green balls in it that tasted like raw sewage," Beth Ann said.

○ While vacationing in Florida, junior Allyson Smith asks an astronaut for his autograph. "A friend said he would give me five dollars if I got a real astronaut to sign a 'Dr. Rocket' can. When I produced the signature, my friend said Mr. Spaceman was not a real astronaut. Needless to say, I didn't the five dollars," Allyson said.

Possessing diverse talents allows brothers and sisters to spend time together. Sharing a love for music, freshman John Dewey and his sister, senior Sarah Dewey, combined their efforts to practice their lessons. "I know how to play the piano, and Sarah sings," John said.







ADAM STEELE
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"My parents are divorced, so it's hard to spend time with both of them. Plus, my dad lives in Texas. I just make up for it by playing with my little sisters."

Sitting with her mom on the bleachers, senior Christa Stutt watches her brother, David, play in a baseball game. "My family and I always go to my brother's sporting events to support him. It's a family thing since they always support me at my field hockey games," she said. Siblings often watched each other play sports.





Receiving advice from her mom, sophomore Jenny Martin helps cook dinner. "After we have games, I usually help my mom make dinner for our family. She usually ends up yelling at me because I always burn the food," Jenny said. Students often found that doing chores was a good way to spend time with their family members.



Spend Time

Families unite for bonding, purposes of nostalgia

by Page Bishop

How would you describe a family?

Some said it was a circle of love and strength, or perhaps a microcosm within the community. No matter what the definition, students had their own views on what was important about a family and what kept it together.

Students found it difficult to spend as much time at home as they wanted to. School, extracurricular activities, sports, and jobs gave them busy schedules. "My family spends a few hours a week together, usually on weekends, because we all have our own different agendas. We make the most of the time we have," sophomore Lisa Schwenneker said.

They also set aside one special night of the week to hang out with their parents. "My dad and I watch *Melrose Place* every Monday night on FOX. My dad never misses an episode. I think he watches it religiously," senior Nikki Folks said.

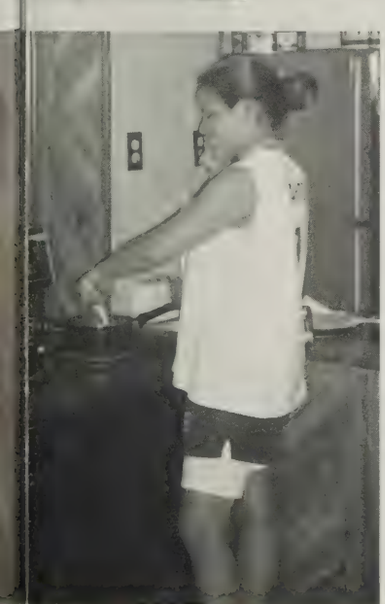
Some families found time to take a vacation together to get away from everyday life. "My family usually takes a trip down to Nags Head every year. We all like to go surfing there and catch some 10-footers," junior Brett Nicholson said.

Students had a family member in particular whom they admired the most. "I admire my mother the most because she makes time for everyone, even though she has her own career. Sometimes I wonder how she does it," sophomore Julia Goldman said.

No matter how much they loved each other, all families argued. "Our family argues a whole lot. Usually it is my brother and I arguing with our parents over our curfew, but we get over it," junior Jordan Johnson said.

Everyone had different families and led different lifestyles, but they seemed to all have one thing in common; the need to relate to their family.

At an SCA function, junior Natalie Stallings and freshman Jeff Stallings get ice for their drinks. "My family always spends a lot of time together. I don't mind hanging out with my sisters because they are pretty nice to me and give me rides everywhere," Jeff said. Siblings often socialized during school and at extracurricular activities.





Family traditions played an important part in spending time together. "Every Monday my family has a fooz ball competition," sophomore Jason Freeman said.



Taking a rest from dancing, junior Brian Bunting talks to seniors Emile Cochet and Tyler Evans. "After I boogied with the ladies, I needed to rest my crazy legs," Brian said.



Dress Up

Final dance gives chance to dress formal, spend money

by Michelle Marshall

Star balloons and ivy. These items illustrated the theme chosen for Prom, "Time of My Life."

Prom was special in many ways. It was an opportunity for upperclassmen to spend time together. Holding the Prom at the Langley N.C.O. Club instead of the hot high school commons gave a positive aspect.

Even though the Prom was thought of by most as a great time, some students didn't think that all aspects were wonderful. "Prom was exciting. I really liked getting all dressed up and having my hair and make-up done. But the D.J. wasn't good; he played old music," junior Mandie Kern said.

Other students didn't have as much fun as they thought they would. "The whole night wasn't what I expected, but by the end of the night, everything was better. After Prom was the best, though," senior Lindsey Reinholdt said.

On the other hand, Prom did live up to many students' expectations, and even exceeded their hopes. "This was the best dance I'd ever been to. Mike and I never fought and everything about Prom was perfect," senior Jennifer Brandt said.

The decorations corresponded with the theme, "Time of My Life." "Prom was excellent. A lot of time was spent preparing the N.C.O. Club, and it really paid off. The D.J. was good, too. This year's Prom was extra special because it was my senior prom," senior J.D. Falls said.

Not only did students have to prepare the N.C.O. Club, they also had to prepare themselves for the special event. "It was fun, but it took Sarah Kinnan and I two days to get ready and it was over in what felt like two seconds," senior Jodi Koenig said.

Overall, even though it didn't please everyone, Prom seemed to be a huge success.



Surrounded by classmates, senior Jarrett Yehlen and graduate Preston Noe show off their dance moves. "When I'm at a dance, I get in a zone. I have to show all my moves to everybody," Jarrett said. Different students showed off in the circle during the fast dances.



◯ Prom dates came from near and far. Some traveled great distances to attend Prom with friends. Senior Jason Verser and his date Jamie Bundlie talk to some friends whils sharing a slow dance. "Jamie used to go here, but moved to Texas. She flew 1000 miles just to go to Prom with me," Jason said.



◯ During a slow song, seniors Jimmy Dewitt and Ashley Lamberton share some quiet conversation. "I had a blast at Prom. It's fun to just let loose for a couple hours and not care if you can't dance," Jimmy said. The dance included fast and slow songs for couples to sway to.





JOEY BERNACHE
12

"When I was crowned Prom king, I was very flattered, but I was even happier for Liz because she came so close at Homcoming."



◯ Moving to the music, senior Sandy Shandor dances to her favorite song. "Prom was a lot better than last year. I loved the theme and After Prom. I guess the reason it was so much more fun was due to the person I was with," she said.

After Prom was held from midnight to 5 a.m. During the course of the evening, drawings were held and many prizes were awarded. The students enjoyed playing Bingo, and there wasn't a line because many people could play at once. "Bingo was a popular game. Rebecca and I won a lot of prizes," senior Jeff Norris said.





Trying to find a match, senior Jake Davenport and junior Josie Russo play a game. "I thought After Prom was extravagant. The Key to My Heart game was tedious and I almost gave up. It took me five minutes to find the right fit," Jake said. Jake chose a thermos for a prize.

At the entrance to After Prom, senior Ryan Hunter and sophomore Whitney Allen cross the bridge. "Although After Prom was outstanding, I didn't win a single thing. Whitney made off with a camera though. Overall it was a memorable event," Ryan said.



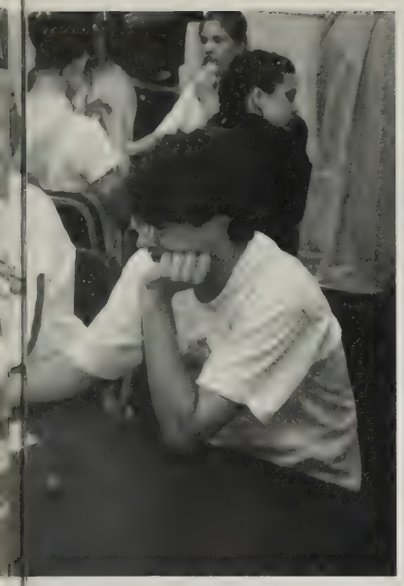






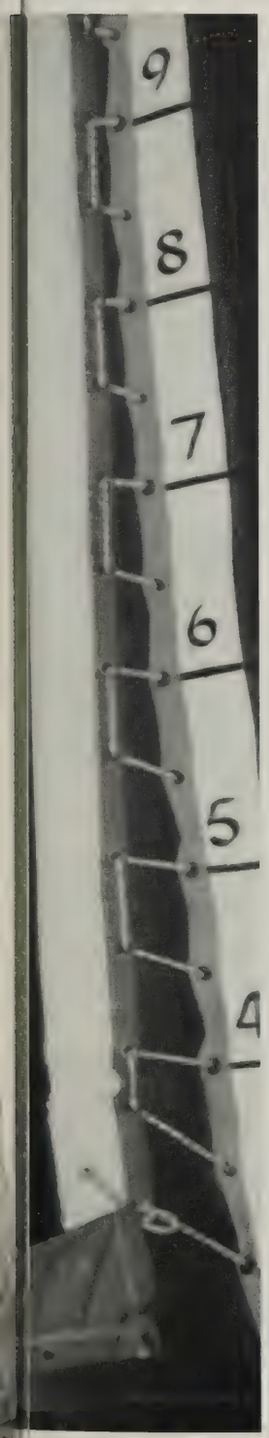
GRAYSON BUNTING
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"I liked the alcohol-free environment. It was a good place for my friends and I to hang out and have a good time. My favorite game was the velcro gauntlet."





◯ Wearing a hat made of balloons, senior Ralph Mason places his bet at the blackjack table. "After Prom was cool. I won a lot of money and prizes, especially from Mr. Carolton Lacks," Ralph said.



◯Hanging upside down, senior Pedro Garcia sticks to the velcro wall at After Prom. "That thing was really fun. I now hold the world record on the velcro jumping thing," he said. Students wore a velcro suit and jumped off a trampoline before they stuck to the wall.

Play Games

After Prom provides free food, games, prizes

by April Klaassen

Bon Voyage!

This was the atmosphere as students entered After Prom and crossed over the bridge to enter the school, which was decorated to look like a cruise ship.

The theme was "Our Hearts Will Go On," taken from the hit blockbuster movie, *Titanic*. Students who attended After Prom felt that the theme was a great idea. "I thought the theme and activities were a lot better than last year's. After Prom turned out to be a blast," senior Christie Heimbruch said.

Casino tables were set up all over the commons. Students gambled fake money that was given to them when they entered the building. "After Prom was great. I thoroughly enjoyed raking in large sums of money playing blackjack and roulette," senior Emile Cochet said. Students used the money they made gambling to buy items at the casino store.

There were plenty of activities available besides the casino. After Prom provided putt-putt and bingo and activities such as the velcro jump and obstacle course. Students favored some activities over others. "I spent most of the night playing blackjack. I lost all of my money at the end. The best activity was the velcro wall. I was there a long time, but I couldn't get above eight feet," junior Jordan Johnson said.

After Prom was not as students thought it would be. "After Prom was more than I ever expected. There was free food and drinks and everyone was winning stuff except me. I only got a toothbrush and a balloon hat. It was the best time I ever had at school," senior Jake Davenport said.

Whether they spent time in the casino, played games, or jumped on the velcro wall, students agreed that After Prom made special memories of high school for them.

Finish Up

End of year activities provide chance to reminisce, have closure

by Beth Ann Thomas

Remember when you were a little kid and it was Christmas Eve? You lay in bed, unable to sleep because you were so excited to see what Santa brought you the next morning.

Seniors felt the same way. They were so excited about graduating, but it felt like forever until the day actually came. Luckily, there were numerous pre-graduation activities to soothe the anticipation.

About two weeks before exams, seniors made memory books and brought them to school to show their friends and get them to sign the books. "I tried to make my senior book, but I am always the last person to have anything done. I haven't even sent out my announcements yet and it's four days before graduation," Alexis Ross said.

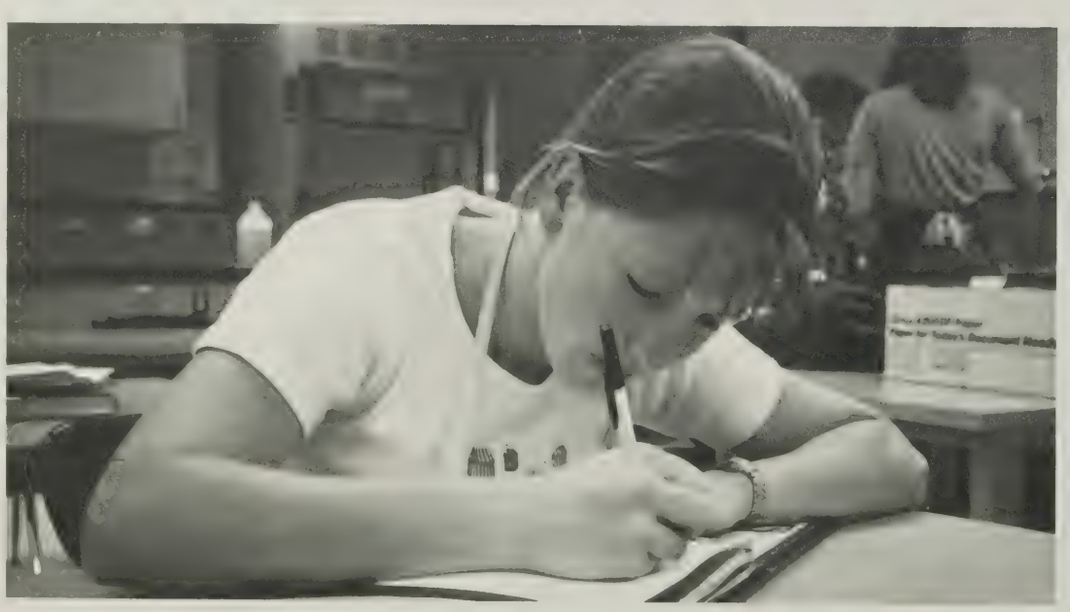
There was an awards ceremony during school when the seniors wore their caps and gowns and were recognized for their achievements in high school. "Everything was going fine until the sound system messed up and I had to fix it. It was a really strange way to find out how much people appreciated me because their ears hurt," Michael DuBose said.

To remember their high school days, the senior class made a video that students purchased for $25. A camera man interviewed each senior during English classes. "I felt weird because the man had that thing in my face and I wanted him to back away," Ian Lamprecht said.

A senior picnic was held at the Poquoson Pool. "At the party we watched the senior video. It was funny when Jason Koptish made his pterodactyl sound on tape. The water in the pool was cold, but we still had a good time at the picnic," Pedro Garcia said.

Seniors were excited about graduating and heading off to college, but at the same time they were sad to be leaving all of their friends. It was a very emotional time.

During the senior picnic, Courtney Judd leans over to ask Liz Render about the temperature of the water. "I was one of the few fools in the pool. I love to swim so I jumped right in, but no one else did. They all just stared at me," Liz said. Because of the cold water and weather, many opted to stay dry and socialize.



In her first hour class, Alexis Ross signs a fellow senior's memory book. Students put photos, clippings, ticket stubs, and class schedules in their books to remember their high school years.





◯Before lining up to march into the gym, Kristi Geppert fixes the tassel to her cap. Seniors sat in the middle of the gym for the awards ceremony and were recognized for their achievements and scholarships. Because they wore their gowns, they were extremely hot.





DAVE SHANNON
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"I really enjoyed the free food at the senior picnic. We ate really big subs and got free drink huggies. The only thing that I didn't like was the bologna on the sandwiches."



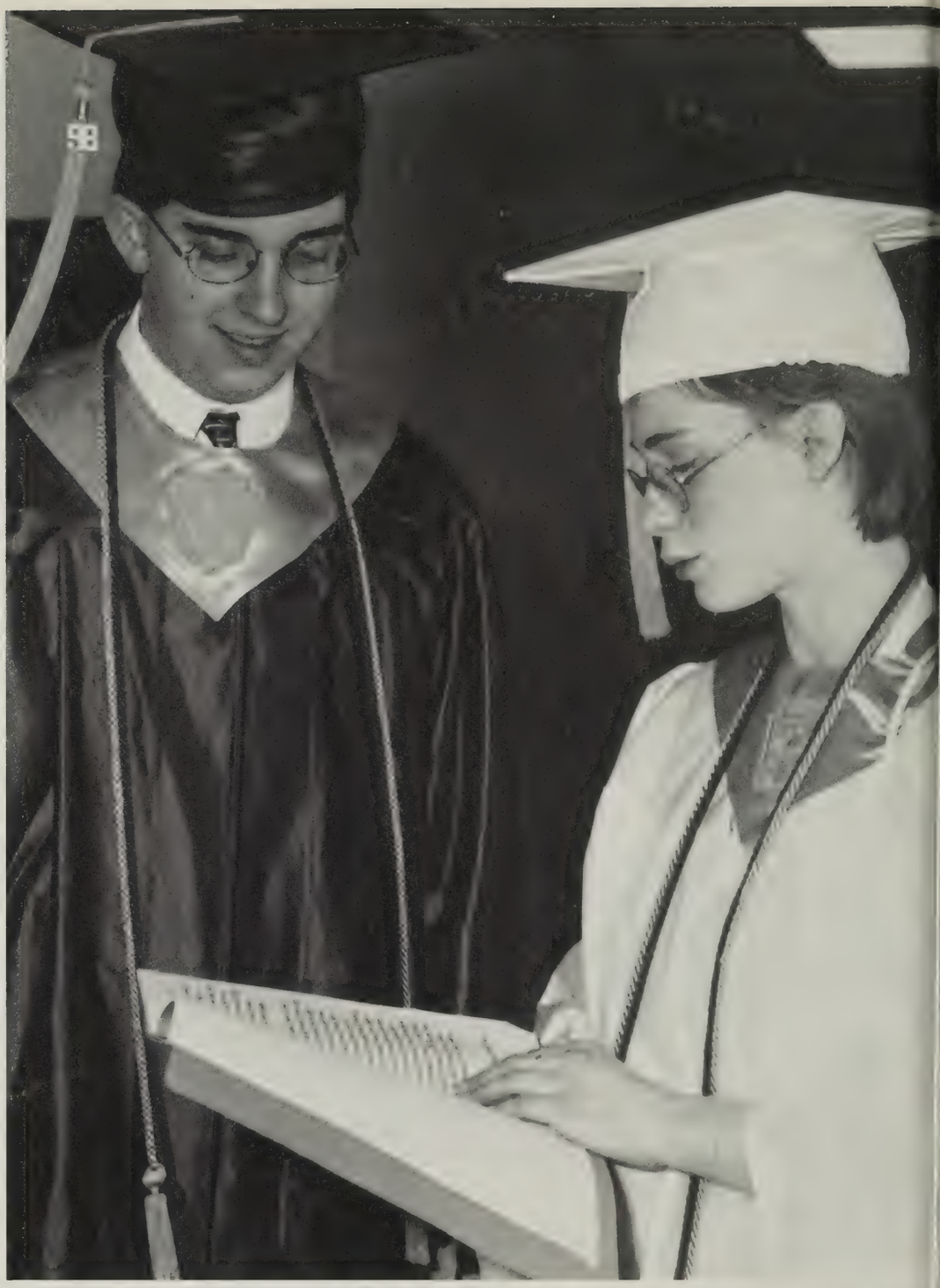


◯Watching the people in the pool, Dave Shannon and Jason Koptish talk about their high school memories. The pool party gave students a chance to reminisce about their high school days and spend one last time with friends.

◯Sitting in the commons, Tammi Perok and Jenny Stallings listen to the senior superlatives. "I won the category of best buns and got a Looney Tunes beach ball. Even though somebody popped the beach ball at the pool party, it was still nice of the senior officers to get me a gift," Tammi said. Each winner received a gift.

After the ceremony, Tim Mattson tries to take the silly string off his head. "I didn't realize until I saw my picture in the newspaper that my sister sprayed someone behind me as well," Tim said. Because the silly string easily peeled off, Tim didn't ruin his diploma or cap and gown.







CHAD SHELTON
12

"This fall I plan to attend VCU because they awarded me a full four-year scholarship. I was also guaranteed acceptance into MCV. My dad bought me a new car with my college fund."

Standing at the podium, Joyce Yue delivers her co-valedictorian address. Joyce used a magic trick with a scarf to demonstrate how the class of 1998 would soon go in different directions, but always be united in one way of another.



Shaking hands with Mr. Don Bock, Emile Cochet waits for an official picture to be taken. Pictures were snapped of each graduate when they received their diplomas. Seniors were able to purchase the pictures to share with family and friends. Emile received a full scholarship to the Coast Guard Academy.





Say Good-Bye

Graduation ceremony acts as final ritual

by Beth Ann Thomas

It was a day when the intense heat was unbearable. A day when air horns were heard miles away. A day when palms were sweaty and students were extremely nervous. On this day, the class of 1998 ended a chapter in their lives and began a new one.

Graduation was held at 11 A. M. at Bethel Temple Assembly of God Church. Family, friends, and other guests filled the sanctuary to watch their graduates receive their diplomas. Because of the large attendance and broken air-conditioner, it was extremely hot. "I felt lucky to even get a seat because many people had to stand. My gown was very hot, though. I kept counting the minutes until I could take it off," Jamison Potter said.

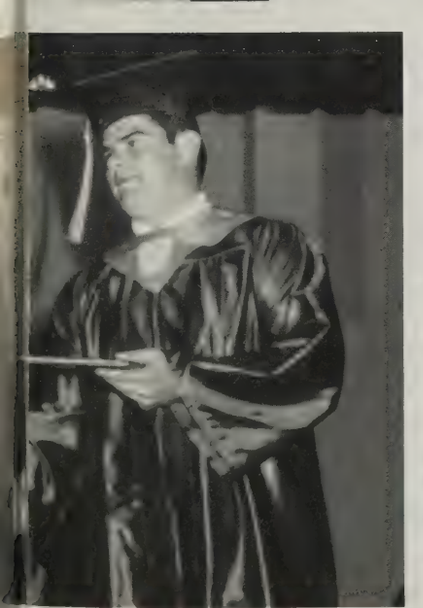
In order to receive their diplomas, seniors had to walk across the stage and be congratulated by Mr. Bock and other school officials. "I was really nervous to go across the stage. A lot of my relatives were there to watch me, and I was scared that I was going to trip because my shoes were so high. Luckily, teachers helped us up and down the steps," Stacey Stone said.

Mrs. Ginny Napier announced scholarships that students received. "A lot of people received scholarships, including me. We had to stand when our names were called and be recognized. I stood a long time because my last name begins with a letter that is close to the front of the alphabet," Kristi Geppert said.

Unlike past graduations, there were co-valedictorians, Rachel Fithian and Joyce Yue. "I really enjoyed both addresses from the valedictorians. I especially liked when Joyce did the magic trick with the handkerchief. I was so confused," Crystal Thrasher said.

In a time span of two hours, graduates felt many different emotions. The nervousness, excitement, family, and friends made it a very special moment in each of their lives.

Before marching into the crowded sanctuary, Kathy Fowler looks at Craig Gallaer's welcome speech. Because Craig was the senior class president, he welcomed everyone to the commencement exercises. His speech included a Top 10 list of how the seniors knew they were in the class of 1998.

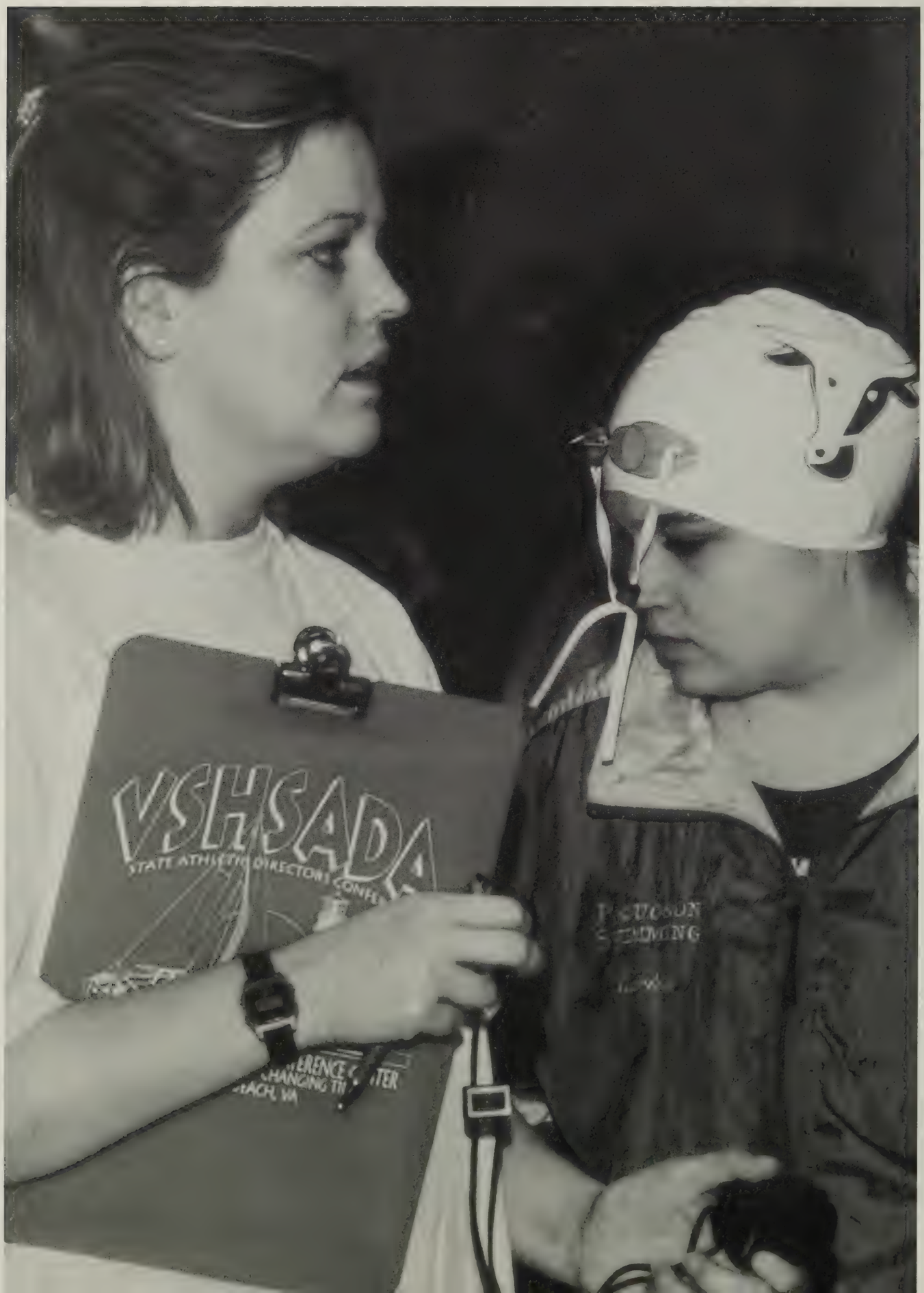




After walking across the stage, Nicole Krakowski checks her diploma. Once they were seated, seniors took a minute to study the diploma and show it to friends.

AT A SWIM MEET, SOPHOMORE MARISA AUSTIN LOOKS AT THE CLIPBOARD WHILE COACH MRS. TERRA MCDONEGAL TIMES THE SWIMMERS. "THE MOST EXCITING PART OF THE SWIMMING SEASON WAS THAT BEFORE EVERY BIG MEET THE GUYS PUT ON GIRLS' SWIMSUITS. SWIMMING-WISE, THIS YEAR WE PUT FORTH A LOT MORE EFFORT. EVEN THOUGH THERE WERE MORE TEAMS IN OUR DISTRICT, WE COMPETED A LOT BETTER," MARISA SAID. SWIMMING WAS ONE OF THE FEW SPORTS THAT WAS NOT EFFECTED BY THE CONSTRUCTION.

CLAPPING WITH HER POM-POMS, SOPHOMORE BLAIR WHITE CHEERS ON THE CROWD AT A PEP RALLY. MOSTLY, THE CONSTRUCTION DID NOT EFFECT THE CHEERLEADERS BECAUSE THEIR PRACTICES WERE HELD IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL GYM. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, HOWEVER, RENOVATIONS IN THE HIGH SCHOOL GYM DISRUPTED THE LOCATIONS OF BASKETBALL GAMES, WHICH IN TURN ALTERED THE CHEERLEADERS' SCHEDULES. "BEING CAPTAIN OF THE JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE. IT WAS HARD AND FRUSTRATING AT TIMES, YET WELL WORTH IT," BLAIR SAID.





Working Up A Sweat

Cross country, field hockey, basketball struggle to adjust to changes

--By Nicole Feldl

Run, run, run--"Hey, what's that." Take the ball now--"Those couldn't be." Okay, swing--"No, wait a minute." Make the goal, make the goal . . . "Construction workers?"

The construction made its way into all aspects of school life, including sports activities. One of the most obvious inconveniences was the rerouting of the cross-country running "loop." *"We had to go behind a fence the workers set up, and many of the people would stop and walk this part. Also, some of the girls were scared to go near the construction workers because they would stare,"* ***sophomore Daniel Goodman said.***

Another difficulty lay in disrupting the time practices were held. *"The construction overtook the junior varsity field hockey team's field. Since both teams then had to share the same field, junior varsity had to delay their practice until after us. By the time they started, the light was already fading and they had to practice in the dark,"* ***senior Alison Mast said.***

The renovations on the roof of the gym also made it impossible for some fall sports to host home games. *"The girls' basketball team had to practice in the middle school gym, and when games started, every game we had was away. It was still difficult even once we could host games, because we weren't able to start our practices on our home court,"* ***freshman Stacy Gross said.***

From all the added difficulties the construction presented, as well as the normal rigors of sports, students were certainly WORKING UP A SWEAT.



BREAKING AWAY FROM THE STARTING LINE, SENIOR JOE BERNACHE AND JUNIORS ROBBIE JENKINS, STEVEN FEIGH, ADAM TOPPING, AND MIKE AKERS BEGIN A CROSS-COUNTRY RACE. "THIS WAS MY FIRST YEAR ON THE TEAM, BUT I WISH I HAD RUN IN PREVIOUS SEASONS BECAUSE I LIKE THE LAID BACK ELEMENT OF IT. PROBABLY THE STRANGEST PART OF THE SEASON WAS DURING A RACE IN WHICH ALI ROSS GOT LOST AND ENDED UP RUNNING ABOUT HALF A MILE FURTHER THAN ANYONE ELSE," JOE SAID.

Words from the ATHLETE



Emile Cochet

"By far the best accomplishment for our team this year was defeating York twice and Tabb for the first time in 18 years. It was also a great personal honor to be named an All-State honorable mention."



John Bell

"The team really pulled together this year despite a lot of injuries. It felt good to be condsidered among the top teams in the state for a while. I think that I was a part of one of the best teams in school history."

Aiming to make a fierce hit on a Bruton ball carrier, Tyler Evans charges to aid linebacker Mike Pierce bring him down. Tyler helped Mike stop the Panthers for a two yard loss. "I love coming in and making the final hit on someone. It gives me the chance just to unload on the person and knock them backwards," Evans said.



At football practice in September, senior linebacker and captain Emile Cochet charges through the infamous gauntlet while holding a dummy. "Running through the gauntlet without falling or getting stuck is extremely difficult, but it's a great drill to teach you to keep running your feet when making a tackle," Emile said.





Row One: Greg Deaver, Chris Carter, Jimmy Pierce, Ryan Hunter, Pedro Garcia, Sam Cowles, Jamison Potter, captain Emile Cochet, Corey Groseth, Josh Kovar, Dave Shannon, Victor Jackson. Row Two: Greg Diggs, captain Jerrod Hurr, TJ Kegl, Mike Bargeman, Tommy Crittenden, Derek Chambers, Robbie Ankeney, Dan McAdams, captain Tyler Evans, Bryan Zasimowich, Mike Pierce, captain John Bell Row. Three: Josh Grohs, Skip Banton, Andrew Causey, Paul Keddell, Joey Miskell, Josh Hollingsworth, Josh Hurr, Steven Guill, Curtis Booth, Aaron Huskey, Ryan Ferry, Robert Jobson, George Hudgins.

VARSITY FOOTBALL

6-4

York	28-14
Smithfield	6-20
Lafayette	22-28
Grafton	14-10
Jamestown	49-0
Bruton	15-28
York	20-6
Southampton	26-42
Franklin	68-6
Tabb	40-0

New coaches, senior leadership, perserverance allow gridders to reach new heights by

Catching Passes

Tommy Crittenden

Can you imagine seeing the school's name among the top football teams in the state? Well it happened.

The football team was picked by many to win the district and compete in the state playoffs. The team was even named as one of the fabulous fifteen teams in the area by a local news station. "It was really neat seeing our name on the same list as Hampton and Kecoughtan. They are the area's powerhouses and it felt good to have people finally show some respect for us and realize that we had the capability to accomplish something great," junior linebacker John Bell said.

The dreams of the players to reach the playoffs just weren't meant to be. "I was really disappointed when we found out we weren't going. A lot of people expected us to do well and go to the playoffs. I did have a good time, and can't wait to start playing again next summer," junior lineman Josh Grohs said.

The players were in no way ashamed of their season because they managed to produce the best record in seven years. They accomplished all of this while experiencing the worst of luck possible. Several of the team's top players were marred by injuries. "Breaking my leg against Grafton really put me down. I looked forward to this season.I wanted to do well my senior year and experience the competition against other teams for one last time," senior captain Jerrod Hurr said.



Leaving a Bruton defender in his tracks, junior running back Josh Hurr races down-field for a big gain. "It was exciting being a running back and seeing my name in the paper," Josh said.

Despite the season's many difficult obstacles, the football team turned a lot of heads and gained respect from fans and other schools. In doing this they made their school proud.

Close games, keen competition, seven seniors leave team

Yearning goals

Meghan Steele

You're five years old and you desperately crave a chocolate chip cookie. You walk into the kitchen and there on the counter sits the cookie jar filled to the brim with Mom's special cookies. You reach for one, but you're too short. If only you were six inches taller you could grab one. Remember that feeling of being so close to something that you wanted, but not quite close enough? That exact sentiment plagued the field hockey team throughout their season.

"We were always so close! For example, we were tied with Grafton until the last five minutes when they scored. Our district games were always like that. Either team could win, we just never were that team," senior captain back Michelle Harrell said. Close games like Grafton were a common occurrence during the season.

Although the team was not very successful within the district, they went 6-1 against AAA and private schools. "How can we easily beat AAA schools 5-0 and win only one district game? I don't understand. Maybe we crack under the pressure," junior forward Mina Tabibi said.

District tournament hopes ran high, and when the team found out they were unable to attend because only the top four teams participated, they were upset. "The criteria to make districts makes no sense. Two new teams were added this year. We also beat the team that won the district. That proves every team should attend. No team dominated our district, but that's the criteria the ADs voted for. They say it's a money thing," junior link Shannon Nobile said.

Even though a shortage of goals and a multitude of close games plagued the field hockey team throughout their season, they felt confident about where their season ended and where it would take them in the future.



Many thoughts entered a player's mind during a game. "Every time I took a free hit, I had to remind myself to keep my head down so the ball would not fly up," senior Christa Stutt said.

FIELD HOCKEY

7-7

Nansemond Suffolk Academy	1-0
Bruton	1-2
Catholic	2-4
Jamestown	0-1
Deep Creek	5-0
Hickory	2-1
Lafayette	1-2
Jamestown	2-0
Grafton	0-1
Great Bridge	4-1
Southampton	12-0
Tabb	0-2
Indian River	17-0
York	1-2



Row One: Captains: Christa Stutt, Rebecca Turbish, Michelle Harrell, Mary Beth Evans. Row Two: Katie Powell, Amber Normandin, Mythili Rao, Christine Leeson, Alison Quenville, Sally Beazlie, Mina Tabibi. Row Three: Scott Howell (manager), Diana Fithian, Alison Mast, Mandie Kern, Meghan Steele, Shannon Nobile, Blair Hardaway, Cassie McDaniel, Jeff Parker (manager).





In a game against Deep Creek, junior Shannon Nobile scraps for the ball. "We played a lot of teams out of our district. Most of them did not have a lot of skill, which made it difficult to play against them," she said. Poquoson defeated Deep Creek 5-0 and ended their non-district record 6-1.

During the home game against Lafayette, junior Meghan Steele takes the ball away from the opponent. "I buy my sticks a little short so that it forces me to get low when I play. I like to get down and reach for the ball. My teammates don't like it very much though, because somehow I got stuck with the shortest skirt," she said.

Words from the ATHLETE



Mary Beth Evans

"With such a competitive district, field hockey games were always interesting. Almost every loss was by a margin of one. I think the highlight of our season was beating Jamestown, the number one team in our district, in a 2-0 game. That performance proved what we were capable of."



Christa Stutt

"I love our team camaraderie. For most players, field hockey is more than a sport. It's something we do because we love the game and everything involved in it. Highlighting my season was the team unity, the friendships and playing a game that I love one last time."

Words from the ATHLETE



Alexis Ross

"The highlight of my season was winning districts. I was kind of nervous because there was some very strong competition from Bruton. Winning districts gave me all the confidence I needed to finish a strong third at regionals and become a state finalist."



Adam Topping

"Districts was uplifting. This was my first year running so I didn't know what to expect. We trained for a week before the race at Newport News Park, which is where the race is held. We prepared ourselves mentally and physically."

Turning the corner in a cross country race, senior Tim Mattson stays focused on his Lafayette opponent. "I thought about my goal to finish before Patrick Johnson and Jeff Norris and how many more minutes of pain and suffering I had left in the race," Tim said. Runners had to set the pace and outrun their opponents.

As senior Ali Ross and a Lafayette competitor round the corner, Ali takes the lead. "I was ahead of everyone, so I had no one to follow and didn't know the course very well. I took a wrong turn and got lost, that's how I got my nickname, 'Wrong Way Ali," she said.







Row One: Melissa Taylor, Miranda Wichelns, Tracie VanHeesyk, Ryan Koptish, Bryce Snyder, Andy Shepherd, Justin Finch, Derek Juang. Row Two: Mandi Myers, Steven Tom, Mike Akers, Alexis Ross, Katie Boyle, Kelly Longstreet, Liz Render, Jeff Norris, Chris Render, Steven Feigh. Row Three: Coach Joe Garrity, Krystal Hopson (manager), Patrick Johnson, Jacob Inge, Robby Jenkins, Johnny Morgan, Justin Williams, Aaron Gaul, Daniel Goodman, Tim Mattson, Adam Topping, Matt Williams, Chris Harris, Amber Costello (manager).

CROSS COUNTRY

Girls

5-3

Jamestown	28-27
Smithfield	15-50
Grafton	37-18
Lafayette	37-18
Bruton	45-20
Tabb	40-55
York	28-27
Southampton	28-65

Boys

5-1

Lafayette	34-21
Grafton	34-21
Bruton	65-33
Tabb	65-22
York	42-15
Southampton	42-63

Long runs, hot weather, tired legs make Intensity Counts

Meghan Steele

It's hot. You're sweating. Your legs feel like jello. But in the distance you see the finish line and a sudden surge of energy hits you.

The thought of running 5, 6 or 7 miles at a time was not very appealing to many students. Cross Country runners were often asked why they did it. "Mostly what spiked my interest was that Mr. Garrity was the coach. Also, most of my friends are in it. Cross Country is a sport that most do into just to stay in shape, but I'm in it just to run," junior Steven Feigh said.

Junior Tracie Van Heesyk had a different opinion as to why someone would join the team. "All runners are insane. I mean, think about it, what person in their right mind would feel like running for fun. We're all insane, but being coed is an added plus," she said.

In order to be successful in cross country, a certain kind of mindset had to be maintained. "I always think of the other girls I have to beat. If I want to win I have to keep going. I also have a song in my head to keep the pace," senior Alexis Ross, who placed third in the region and nineteenth in the state, said.

With at least twenty runners at a time, passing was a common occurence around the 3.1 course. "When you pass someone it makes you feel like you're going faster. That gives you more energy to keep you going. It's like a chain, you keep pulling on the chain and you keep going further," junior Adam Topping said.



Leading the pack. junior Tracie VanHeesyk sets her pace. "I was just proud to make it across the finish line. My shoe came untied after the first mile, and almost fell off," Tracie said.

Improvement was a key goal. "My times got better as the season went by. The great thing about it is that if you improve your time five times you receive a varsity letter. It feels great to improve your time," senior Patrick Johnson said.

District champs, experienced players, new idols keep team

Witnessing Merit

Tammi Perol

With the wind just right, the ball placed on the tee, and bodies positioned correctly, it was time for the stroke.

The golfers began their season much earlier than the other fall sports. They began the las two weeks in August, while the other teams did not open their seasons until September.

Because they couldn't practice at school, they practiced at the Hamptons. Some players did not like it too much. "Practices get kind of boring. Playing everyday at a good course wouldn't be bad, but playing everyday at the Hamptons stinks," junior Skip Corneliussen said.

The golf team worked together as a team and backed each other up when it was needed. "Our team was really solid. Our number six could play number one and our number one could play number six. Everyone was good this year," senior Shawn Lacks said.

Tiger Woods' influence was a contributing factor with the youth today. "Not only is Tiger Woods an excellent player but he has great sportsmanship and character," sophomore J.B. Richardson said.

Some of the players felt good about their matches while others did not. "Langley was my best match with a 75. It was probably the best because I was confident in my game at that point," sophomore Steven Purdy said.



After making a bad shot, junior Todd Goodson scrounges near the woods for his lost ball. "I was scared that I lost my ball because when I hit it, it sliced and headed for the woods," Todd said.

Finishing off their season, the Islanders felt confident about themselves. "Going into the last match we had a 34 stroke lead on Jamestown, the second place team. This year has been very fufilling for us. We've won five of seven matches and finished second in the other two matches," Coach Ed Spain said.

GOLF
District Standings

Poquoson	2558
Jamestown	2597
Grafton	2604
Tabb	2681
York	2684
Franklin	2764
Lafayette	2778
Smithfield	2814
Bruton	2823
Southampton	2849



Row One: Chris Evans, Ricky Sledd, John Pauls, Ralph Mason, Todd Goodson, J.B. Richardson, Ross Koenig. Row Two: John Chapman, Russel Taylor, Skip Corneilussen, Steven Purdy, Shawn Lacks, Coach Ed Spain.





Going for the birdie at a match in Williamsburg, sophomore Steven Purdy putts the ball on a par three. "I was putting for a birdie at the Williamsburg Country Club on the third hole. This was the last match before regionals," he said. Purdy, along with the team, won this match.

Concentrating on the putt, sophomore J.B. Richardson reads the green on his last stroke against Tommy Austin of William Byrd. "I had no idea whether it mattered if I made it or not because I had no idea what my team was doing or how I stood individually," Richardson said. The Islanders did not go on to state, but Richardson did.

Words from the ATHLETE



Skip Corneliussen

"Winning the district by a lot of shots was an excellent way to cap off the season. By repeating as district champs by that margin we showed that we were a dominant force. We are going for a three-peat next year. It was also an honor to be named to the district first team."



Steven Purdy

"The highlight of my season was going into a sudden death playoff hole at regionals to determine whether I would go to state as an individual. I didn't go on, but I plan to go all the way next year."

Words from the ATHLETE



Shari Gross

"We surprised everyone this season. No one expected us to win so many games. This made our fans really get into our games. We played with such intensity, we really surprised the other teams as well. By playing as a team we made our season a success."



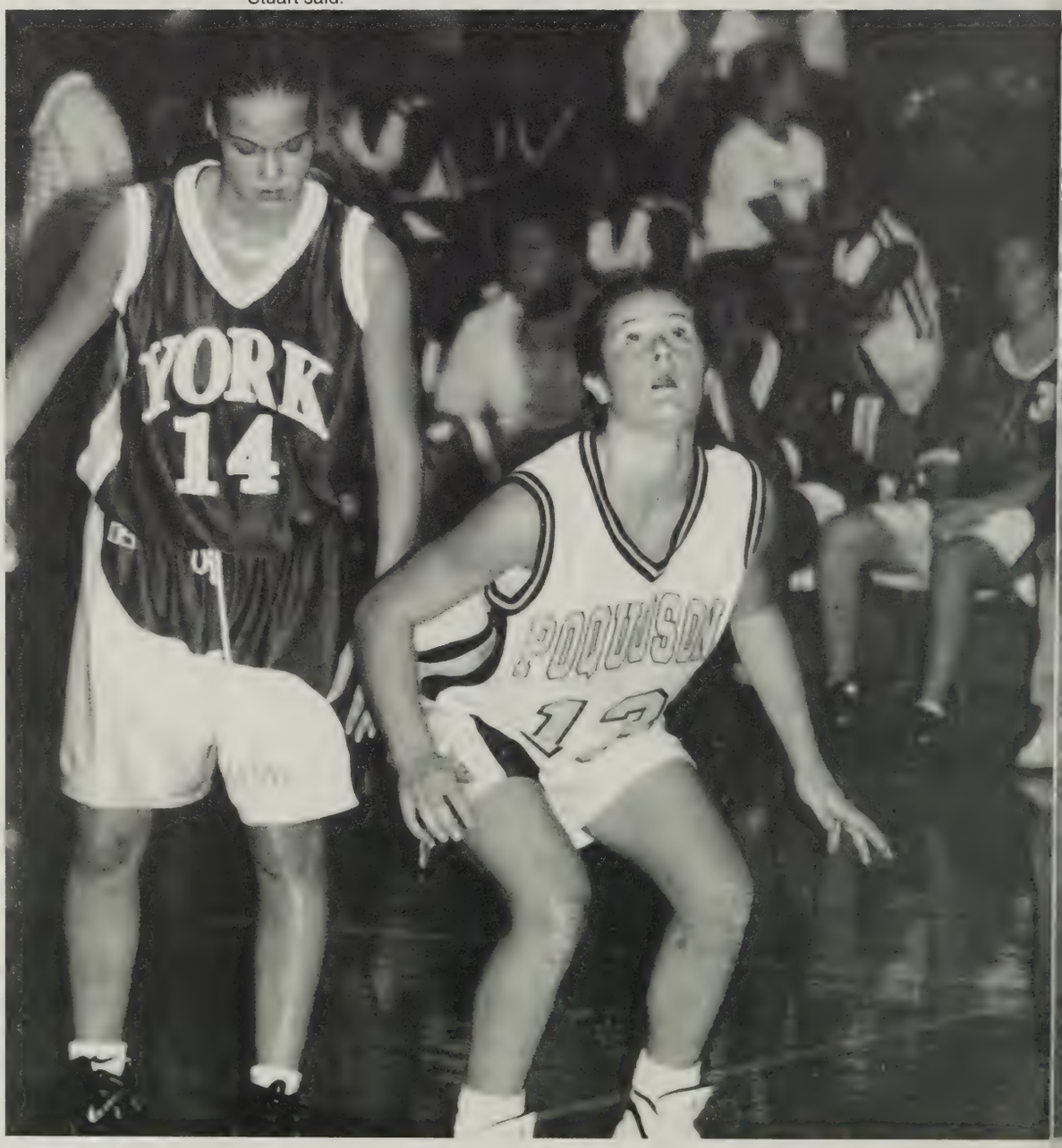
Krystle Lambert

"My goal for this season was to improve my three-point shot. I worked really hard in the off season so that I could become a perimeter threat. It all finally paid off. In the game against Grafton I had six three-pointers."

Gliding past defender in the game against York, freshman guard Stacy Gross drives to the basket for two points. "I wasn't the best outside shooter, but I loved taking the ball to the hole. The size of the other girls in the paint didn't intimidate me, I took every opportunity I had," Stacy said. The team lost to York 37-48.



Ready to battle for the rebound, sophomore Ann Stuart Cox focuses on the ball while York opponent Didi Hopkins looks on. "I was planning to rely on my cat-like reflexes and vertical leap to rebound strong. Staying focused isn't that hard when you're running up and down the floor. The hardest thing was posting up the six foot girls," Ann Stuart said.





Row One: Laura Jenkins, Krystle Lambert, Kelli Forrest, Stacy Gross. Row Two: Coach Richard Routten, Ann Stuart Cox, Meridith Cassell, Megan Powell, Leigh Jenkins, Captain Shari Gross, Lindsay Bomba (manager).

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

13-8

Norfolk Academy	29-32
Norfolk Collegiate	43-16
Nansmond Suffolk Academy	36-34
Franklin	46-36
Tabb	41-39
York	42-52
Smithfield	55-16
Southampton	31-30
Lafayette	31-38
Bruton	45-52
Grafton	48-46
Jamestown	42-45
Franklin	43-30
Tabb	35-33
York	37-48
Smithfield	52-24
Jamestown	45-27
Southampton	45-32
Lafayette	30-36
Bruton	48-64
Grafton	58-40
Grafton	43-47

Long practices, loss of gym, lack of seniors turns season into Waiting game

Vicki Firth

Working together as a team, practicing hard, and having confidence. These were the qualities that the Lady Islanders kept within themselves to be successful.

"Practices were hard. There was a lot of running and they were very intense. At the beginning of the season we lost a player because of the practices being so intense," freshman guard Stacy Gross said.

The Lady Islanders only had six players come out for tryouts. Coach Richard Routten had to make the decision to pull up two freshmen from the junior varsity team. The fact that they had a small team did not put them down. "Our team was a lot smaller than other teams in size, but we didn't let that effect the way we played," junior forward Laura Jenkins said.

The team had to practice at the middle school gym because of flooding at the high school. This was a different experience and difficult for the girls to adjust to. Getting into a habit and getting used to a certain environment was hard to change. "The middle school gym was very hot and dirty. The floor was slippery and hard to practice on. It was weird at first because everyone on the team was used to the high school," senior captain Shari Gross said.



The lady Islanders discuss their next play against Grafton. "Mr. Routten tells us to play smart. He makes sure we understand the plays," junior Kelli Forrest said.

Sporting the school colors of maroon, gold and white, the girls hoped to psych some teams out with their new uniforms. "Getting new uniforms was exciting. For the first time we felt like basketball players, not outcasts from the seventies," sophomore guard Ann Stuart Cox said.

The Lady Islanders ended their season third in the district. In the district playoffs they lost in the first round to Grafton, losing their berth to regionals.

Young players, new coaches; but winning seasons showed

Nothing Hinders

Mary Beth Evans

New coaches and an unusual number of new players could be reasons for concern on a sports team, but this did not hold true for the JV girls' basketball and JV field hockey teams.

The JV girls knew how to turn a potential weakness into a real strength. Heather Hanson, a former PHS field hockey player, became the new JV field hockey coach. "It was not hard to adjust to a new coach because most of our team was also new," sophomore forward Julia Goldman said.

Something else different about the team was that they also only had one sub player. However, this was not perceived as a disadvantage, either. "I loved having no subs because it kept us very determined," sophomore back Melissa Card said.

The girls definitely were determined to do well. They had a winning season. "The fact that we all worked well together as a team helped. It showed, because if we hadn't given it our all, we would not have done as well this season," sophomore back Katie Sanderson said.

The JV girls' basketball team went 17-4 overall, despite some obstacles. "We didn't have as much experience or height. It's been tough and we have had to play game by game," freshman guard Lyndsay Bryant said.

The girls just found other ways to give the team extra ground. "Team spirit was not a problem at all. We tried our best whether we won or lost," Lindsay said.

There were additional forces pushing the basketball players in games. "In practice we ran through plays and that's what helped us the most. We liked winning and that helped to lead us to play our hardest," sophomore guard Jamie Gatz said.

Both the JV field hockey and JV basketball teams were willing to work hard and in the end it paid off for them.



As freshman Colleen Casey drives to the basket, freshman Holly McDaniel sets a pick. "At the start of the season we weren't ready to play, but we pushed ourselves and only lost twice," Colleen said.



Row One: Katie Snow, Katie Rogers, Kellyn Larabee, Eliza Greenman. Row Two: Kat Daniell, Jamie Gatz, Lindsey Bryant, Colleen Casey, Heather Wylie. Row Three: Coach Todd Bowden, Tanya Myers, Jillian Snow, Diane Barnes, Holly McDaniel, Leslie Jones, Matt Quenville (manager), Adam Stout (manager).



Row One: Captains: Julia Goldman, Monika Stinson, Melissa Card, Katie Sanderson. Row Two: Katie Lorigan, Kimberly Garrett, Kelly Semeyn, Emily Swortzel, Alison Gooding. Row Three: Coach Heather Hanson, Eden Feingsohn, Sarah Taliafero, Katherine Boddy, April Cassell, Britteny Kelly, Carolyn Meadors (manager).



JV GIRLS' BASKETBALL

17-4

Norfolk Academy	15-23
Norfolk Collegiate	34-17
Nansemond-Suffolk	32-18
Smithfield	41-26
Franklin	33-27
Tabb	26-19
Bruton	35-25
York	27-19
Jamestown	38-35
Southampton	53-51
Lafayette	31-29
Grafton	17-27
Smithfield	49-29
Frankilin	35-29
Tabb	39-34
Bruton	41-30
York	38-28
Jamestown	34-30
Southampton	31-34
Lafayette	45-22
Grafton	26-29

JV FIELD HOCKEY

7-1-1

Nansemond Suffolk Academy	0-0
Bruton	6-0
Catholic	4-0
Jamestown	3-1
Lafayette	3-0
Jamestown	2-0
Grafton	2-0
Tabb	0-1
York	2-0



At a home game, sophomore Jamie Gatz looks for an open teammate. "I was later benched from this game for a concussion. Besides this, the only other bad thing that happened this year was us losing to Grafton twice," Gatz said. The lady Islanders defeated the Eagles 38-35.

Looking to help a teammate, sophomore back Katie Sanderson runs up the field. "It was vital to the win of the game that everyone look to help everyone out. We all had to back each other up so that the ball never got into the goal," Sanderson said. The Lady Islanders beat Lafayette 3-0.

Words from the ATHLETE



Nina Richardson

"The best part of the season was coming back from being down 12-3 on senior night and beating Lafayette. That gave us the confidence going into the district tournament to beat Grafton and York, who had beaten us twice each during the regular season."





Beth Ann Thomas

"I loved playing with my teammates this season. Everybody got along well towards the end of the season and we played in sync with each other on the court. There was a true sense of camaraderie among us."

If a ball was not passed to the setter, the Lady Islanders had to combine their efforts to get the ball back in play. Senior Liz Render jumps in the air to pass a free ball over the net. "I get mean and vicious on the court. To get myself psyched up I tell myself nothing will get by me," Render said.



Going high, senior captain outside hitter Beth Ann Thomas attempts to kill the ball. "We always tried to run a 2-ball in the middle. I remember hitting in the middle at Lafayette and they were so confused. The fact that I caught mad air also helps," Thomas said. Although the Lady Islanders lost to Lafayette, they came back to beat them in the district tournament final.





Row One: Danielle Kukich, Shari Gross, Vicki Firth, captain Nina Richardson, Coach Brian Bauer. Row Two: captain Beth Ann Thomas, Tracie VanHeesyk, Laura Jenkins, Nicole Hicks.

VOLLEYBALL

12-4

Bruton	15-13, 15-7
Smithfield	15-1, 15-4
Lafayette	15-2, 15-0
Franklin	10-15, 15-12, 9-15
Southampton	2-15, 5-15
Grafton	15-10, 15-2
Bruton	15-6, 9-15, 15-9
York	10-15, 10-15
Jamestown	5-15, 15-5, 15-9
Smithfield	15-1, 15-5
Lafayette	15-2, 15-1
Grafton	15-2, 15-9
York	15-10, 5-15, 15-10
Lafayette	15-9, 15-12
Orange County	15-9, 4-15, 15-5
Lafayette	12-15, 16-14, 15-1

Loss of players, determination, new rivals leave team

Pursuing Goals

Vicki Firth

Pass the rock, set the rock and kill the rock. What exactly was this rock that was talked about? It was the term volleyball coach Brian Bauer used for the ball.

With only six returnees and a team total of 11 players, the season looked to be a dissappointment. "At the beginning of the season I thought we would lose a lot of games, until I saw all of the awesome juniors getting better and better. By the end of the season I was sure we would make it to regionals," senior outside hitter Liz Render said.

Getting psyched before games proved to be beneficial. Before home games the team got together at a player's home to bond and go over how each player could improve her game. "Our team got along great. I think we bonded a lot through the bus rides and spaghetti dinners. We did crazy things to get psyched and we all had good attitudes throughout the season," senior middle hitter Danielle Kukich said.

As they once again returned to the regional tournament after a district tournament win, they found hope by beating Orange County in the quarterfinals, but they suffered an upset to district rival Lafayette in the semifinals. "This season was very successful. No one figured this team would make it to regionals, let alone win the district tournament. The whole team gave it their best and were determined to win. Even though we did not make it to state, the team accomplished something some did not think could be done, winning the district tournament and beating York at their own tournament," junior Nicole Hicks said.



At the Lafayette game the starters wait to hear their names called. "Liz and I try to psych each other up before the game, so we are ready to play our best and beat our competitors," Danielle Kukich said.

Camaraderie, hard work, and consistent effort proved that even with a small, inexperienced team, anything could be accomplished.

Large-margin wins, Regional Championship, runner-up state finish show wrestlers

Scoring points

Tammi Perok

Shoot for two! Take him down! Put him in a jackknife! These were the words expressed by the crowd as the wrestlers continued their successes.

Coach Ruff helped the wrestlers in many ways. He pushed the guys hard to stay in shape. "I'm going to miss the long hard practices the most. I love to spend hours drilling and wrestling live, then conditioning for the rest of practice. I'm also going to miss running out of the locker room onto the mat in front of the best crowd in the state. Staying in shape will be missed too because it feels good to be able to see my toes," senior Graham Hunt said.

Getting physically and mentally ready for the state championships was an important opportunity to focus on. "I looked forward to state so much more than any other year. I have been running in the morning and at night. I have been pushing myself hard in practice and my partner has helped me a lot. It was hard getting used to a new partner after Brandon decided to leave," senior Shawn Gillispie said.

Most of the wrestlers were confident about their performances throughout the season. "I felt that during the season I had improved physically and mentally in wrestling. I believe this has been the greatest season of my whole career. Through winning and losing, it has remained fun and challenging," junior Jacob Inge said.



In an attempt to take his opponent down, senior Shawn Gillispie locks arms. "This was my best performance out of all the tournaments that I competed in this year," Gillispie said.

In the end, with a district and regional championship, a runner-up state finish, three state champs, three runners up and three other place winners, the work paid off. "I have won three state titles but my goal is still incomplete. I still have one more state title to win," junior Mike Akers said.

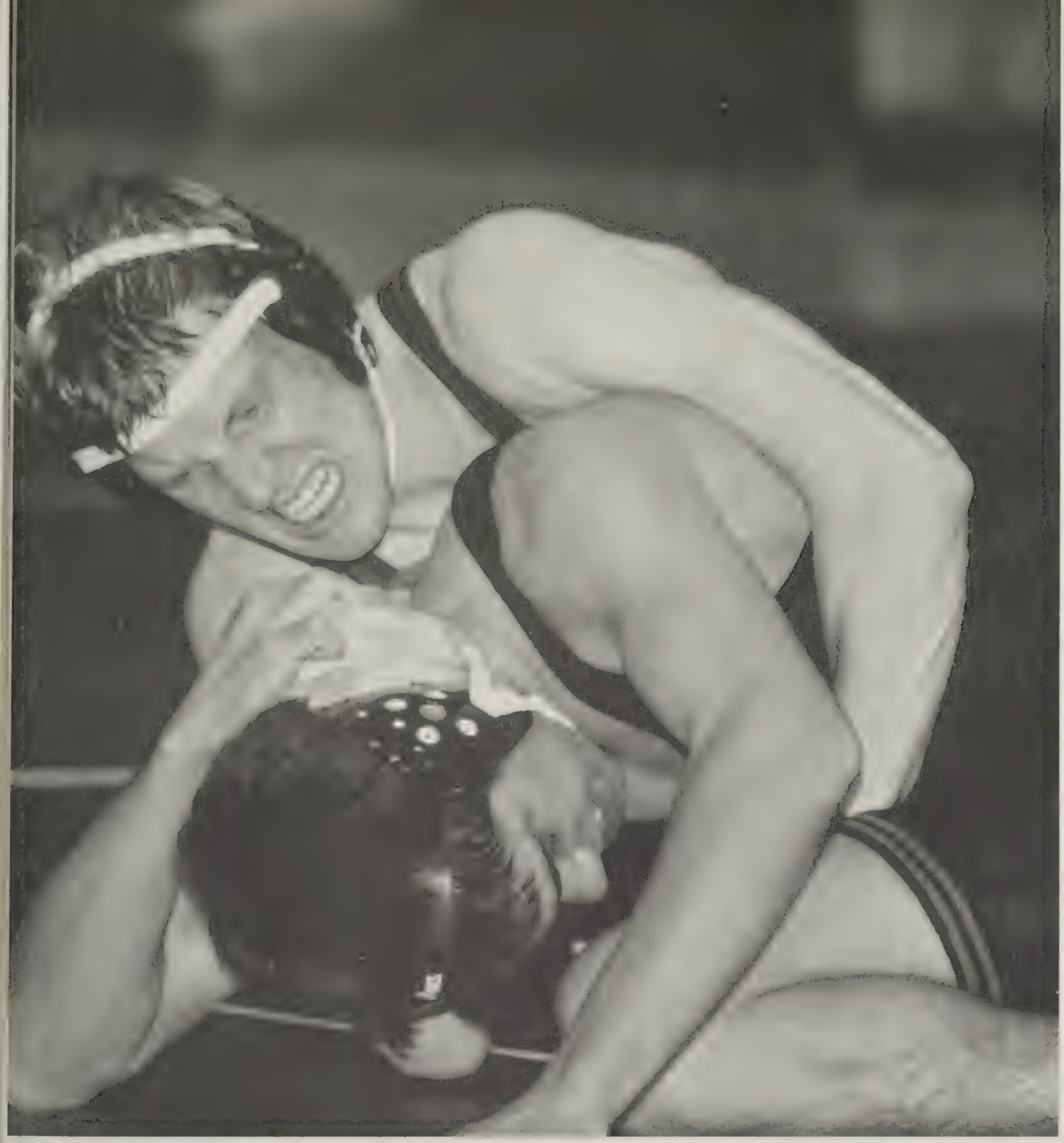
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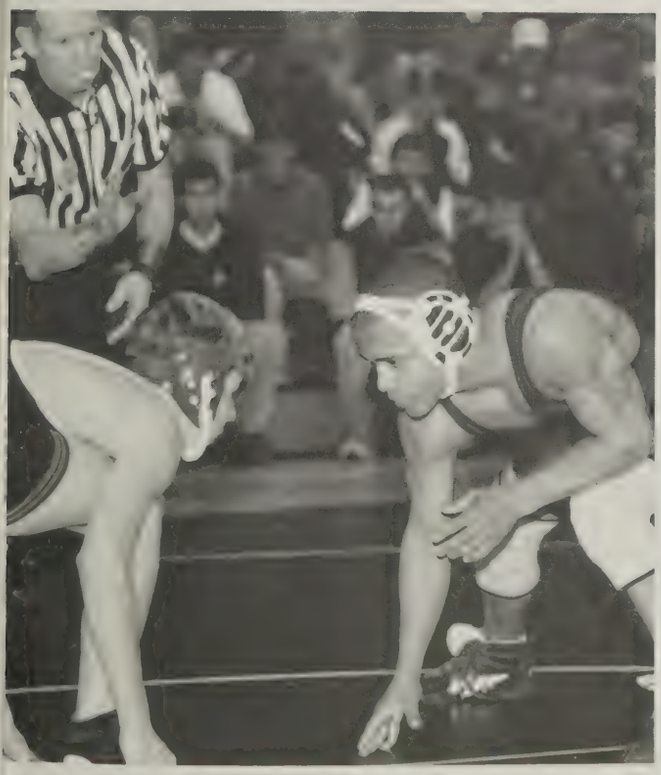
21-5

James Wood	59-16
Atlee	50-16
Hylton	46-24
Jamestown	74-6
Southampton	69-9
Bruton	1st
Fairfax Tournament	66-12
Nandua	48-18
Denbigh	29-39
Tallwood	1st
Herndon Tournament	68-6
Grafton	57-15
Bethel	41-19
Denbigh	29-33
Tallwood	33-32
Stonewall Jackson	12-46
Cox	22-32
Great Bridge	73-0
Tabb	56-13
Northampton	78-6
Franklin	67-6
York	63-18
Lafayette	1st
Districts	1st
Regionals	2nd
State	



Row One: Nick Sutton, Ryan Hudgins, Starky Moore, Ross Hudgins, Curtis Thacker. Row Two: Joey Miskell, John Wilkenson, Justin Mulkey, captain Mike Akers, Andy Sweat, Barry Leatham, Victor Jackson, Nathan Firth, Jake Martin. Row Three: Tim Henley, Justin Moore, Brian Bunting, Shawn Gillispie, Jerrod Hurr, Mike Kurick, Trevor Fitzpatrick, Tim Mattson, Mack McGuire, David Mattson. Row Four: Curtis Booth, Graham Hunt, Tyler Evans, Brandon Fitzpatrick, Chris Fox, captain Jacob Inge, Chris Fowler, Josh Hurr, Emile Cochet.





While trying to make a pin on a Tabb opponent, senior Tim Mattson shows how dominant the Islanders were throughout the wrestling season. "I was happy that I won the match, but I felt that I could have wrestled better and beaten him by more points," Mattson said.

Getting ready to take down an opponent, junior Victor Jackson listens for the whistle. "I was just going out there to get a quick pin like coach told me to," Jackson said. He pinned his opponent, which helped in the defeat over Tabb.

Words from the ATHLETE



Mike Akers

"The highlight of my season was when I beat Cox's Bobby Ingram, mostly because he hadn't lost in his career. This win gave me a lot of motivation for the State Tournament. When I beat someone that tough who hasn't lost in his career, it is a feeling that is indescribable."



Jacob Inge

"The greatest point in my season was standing on top of the podium hearing my name called as the 98, group AA 160 State champ. I'll always remember receiving the gold and standing proud as family and friends stood and cheered me on."

Words from the ATHLETE



Ryan Hunter

"The highlight of my season was beating Southampton at Southampton. Two years ago we lost by 50-some points, so it was definitely a pretty big accomplishment."



Jason Koptish

"I think our season went fairly well. Although we were very inexperienced, we pulled together as a team to win some big games."

After a made bucket, teammates Adam Stout, David Stutt and Ryan Hunter celebrate and get into a huddle to discuss the team's tactics. "We try and talk about what we have to do to win the game. We also remind each other to play good defense and control the tempo," sophomore Stutt said.



Senior Ryan Hunter eludes York's Tyrone Dennis by giving a head fake. It worked and he scored, giving the team some needed momentum. "Beating York twice really boosted our confidence, which carried over into other games," Hunter said.





Row One: Tommy Crittenden, captain Sam Cowles, Pedro Garcia, captain Jason Koptish, captain Ryan Hunter. Row Two: Coach Todd Bowden, Matt Quenville, Paul Keddell, Adam Stout, captain David Stutt, Jesse Dunlap, Grayson Bunting, George Hudgins.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

8-13

Hampton Christian	35-28
Southampton	39-38
Grafton	33-39
Bruton	38-49
Tabb	31-41
Jamestown	39-27
Smithfield	46-41
Lafayette	42-51
Franklin	37-72
York	44-36
Hampton Christian	46-45
Southampton	40-51
Grafton	46-52
Bruton	35-55
Tabb	39-47
Jamestown	43-45
Smithfield	45-33
Lafayette	40-56
Franklin	45-47
York	46-42
Grafton	50-68

Improved record, experienced players, new playing techniques show team

Heading Up

Tommy Crittenden

Help, fight, slide . . . help, fight, slide!

These words constantly echoed from the gymnasium during the excessive defensive drills conducted by the boys' varsity basketball team during every practice. To them, defense was their key to success.

They were taught how to keep the games close and not let the best teams in the district like Grafton and Southampton run away with an easy win. "Coach Bowden told us to focus on defense. If you play good defense and not let the other team score a lot of points, then you will always have a chance to win," senior captain Jason Koptish said.

The season was somewhat frustrating because the Islanders always put themselves in the position to win; they just couldn't stick the nail in the coffin. Over half the games came down to the last minute, making the losses heartbreakers and the wins celebrations. "The highlight of the season had to be the last-minute win over Southampton. They are always one of the beat teams in the district and we hadn't beaten them in a real long time, if ever," junior Grayson Bunting said.

The 8-13 record didn't show how good the Islanders really were. They gained respect from other teams and showed them that Poquoson basketball was for real. "Teams started to worry about us this year and they found out that they had to play well to beat us. Every game, the teams were forced to do different things because we were always prepared," sophomore Adam Stout said.

Size wasn't an issue for the team. "Coach always said that we were the smallest team in the nation, but if each person does their own responsibility, then we could win any game," junior Jesse Dunlap said.



Senior Sam Cowles leaps into the air for a rebound. "I wasn't the tallest player in the league, but I still succeeded in rebounding by using technique," Cowles said.

Fierce competition, new coaches, state qualifying times keep swim team

Working more

Meghan Steele

With two new powerhouse teams plus two new coaches, the equation didn't look too promising for the swim team, but they set out to make it add up to more than was expected.

"We knew going into this season there would be some real competition. Because Lafayette has been AAA state champions it was obvious that Lafayette and Jamestown were really going to give us a run for our money in both the boys' and girls' competition, so we tried to ready ourselves the best we could," junior captain Cory Dannels said.

Early season training became monumental in order to prepare for tough matches. "I'd have to say that the first couple of weeks of practice were really intense. We had two new coaches that had a completely different coaching style from our previous coach. It was hard to adjust to at first, but they really pushed us to work at and improve our strokes," sophomore Marissa Austin said.

Team spirit carried the team through those tough meets. "We tried some new, unique cheers this year. Instead of the traditional ones we would shout things like 'Who's your daddy?' and answer 'Poquoson is!' to teams like rivals Grafton and Tabb. Even though we may have not always won, everyone knew we were there," senior captain Alexis Ross said.

Senior captain Jarrrett Yehlen had a few other memorable moments from his final season. "Ali, Cory, Meghan and I always led cheers before the meets, but at districts we took a different approach. The boys borrowed girls suits and spelled Poquoson across the blocks," he said.

From adjusting to the new coaching style and close meets, to unforgettable cheers, the swim proved to defy the rules of math.



Gliding through the water, senior Ian Lamprecht swims the backstroke leg of a 200 IM. "I fall behind in the backstroke, but I'll catch back up in the breaststroke and come from behind to win," he said.

SWIMMING

Girls

5-3

York	63-31
Tabb	62-32
Grafton	40-54
Lafayette	33-61
Jamestown	25-69
Maury	143-123
Booker T.	143-22
Bruton	66-28
Districts	4th Place
State	5th Place

Boys

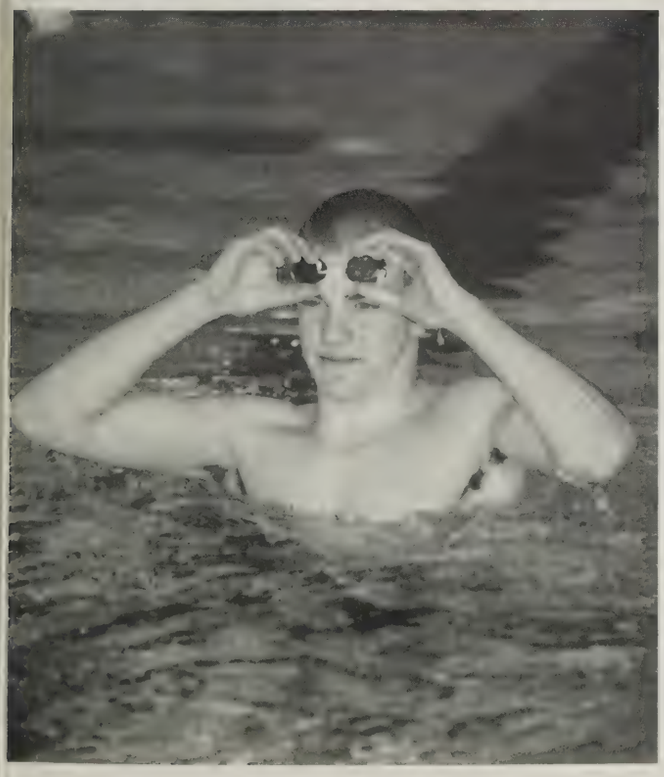
5-2-1

York	47-47
Tabb	49-45
Grafton	50-44
Lafayette	44-50
Jamestown	41-53
Maury	128-127
Booker T.	128-32
Bruton	62-32
Districts	4th Place
State	8th Place



Row One: Stacey Piercefield, Jill Lorenz, Whitney Gallagher, Amanda Moore, captain Ali Ross, Meghan Steele. Row Two: Jenny David, Britney Carlson, Marissa Austin, Melissa Fishman, Jenny Chung, Katie Powell, Alison Quenville, Mandie Kern, Amy Ferry, Julia Goldman. Row Three: Catherine Schuller, Chris Render, Daniel Goodman, Adam Steele, Gibson Green, Chris Carter, Matt Shepherd. Row Four: Chris McClendon, captain Jarrett Yehlen, captain Cory Dannels, Ian Lamprecht, Chris Loftus, Ricky Sprouse. Row Five: Will Powell, manager Jennifer Kennedy, manager Mandy Camblin, manager James Groom, Coach Terra McGonegal, Coach Bill Boyle, Adam Jursevich.





Warming up, junior Amanda Moore practices her relay start. "Starts make or break a relay and especially at Districts. I always like to get a feel for the blocks and practice my starts before the meet begins," Moore said. The girls placed second in the medley relay.

Emptying his goggles, freshman Adam Steele watches as the rest of his race finishes. "I was waiting for the rest of my heat to finish after I had won. Mrs. McGonegel likes for us to show good sportsmanship and wait in the water after we're done with our race for everyone else to finish," he said. Adam won this event, scoring 5 points for the team's victory over Bruton.

Words from the ATHLETE



Jarrett Yehlen

"Overall we had an excellent season, considering all of the young talent. We had a lot of underclassmen really pull through for us. The highlight for us had to be my 200 medley relay team winning districts and placing second at state. We did a lot better than I expected."



Alexis Ross

"I will miss the team next year when I'm swimming at the Air Force Academy. Swimming for the school was much more laid back and less pressurized than my other team, so I had a chance to sit back and enjoy it more, except when I was racing Carolyn Rader."

First district competition, new uniforms, audience-involved cheers prove cheerleaders

Crowd pleasing

Tammi Perok

"Cheerleading is not a sport," some say, but the varsity and JV cheerleading squads proved that they were a sport.

Cheerleading gave many young ladies the chance to show their audience how they could move. "Cheerleading has always been a huge part of my life. I love the rush you get when you're in front of a crowd showing off your dance moves, gymnastics skills or your best stunts. When I go to college I hope to cheer and hopefully coach my own team one day," junior Kristi Sutton said. Sutton was on the varsity squad since her sophomore year.

The varsity squad's second season had many freshmen and sophomores who were pulled up from the JV squad to varsity. They were selected to replace those who had left to pursue other interests. It was exciting for those young ladies who were selected to cheer with the older girls. Sophomore Amanda Zohn was selected for the first season of varsity. "I had a lot of fun being on varsity. It was great to know I was good enough to be on varsity as only a sophomore, and that I was up against many talented cheerleaders," Zohn said.



During a timeout, the varsity squad performs a cheer. "This season we've worked hard to improve everything, including our timeout cheers," junior Kristi Sutton said.

To be captain was a big honor. "When I was younger, I thought that it would have been really neat to be a captain, but the older I got the less it mattered to me. Being captain is very time consuming. It's your responsibility t set up all routines for each game, organize pep rallies, and to keep the team together," senior Stacey Stone said. Stone cheered ever since she was in the second grade.



Row One: Captains: Randi Webb, Stacy Stone. Row Two: Tammi Perok, April Weaver, Lindsey Reinholdt, Kristi Geppert. Row Three: Amanda Zohn, Jamie Bundlie, Kristi Sutton, Renate Newman, Jessica Mardis, Michelle Marshall, Sara Deihl, Renee Booth, Coach Julie Thomas.



Row One: Captains: Blair White, Lisa Schwenneker. Row Two: Jenny Morgan, Kristen Lindsey, Jenny Conwa Kristen White, April Backus, Amber Freeman. Row Three: Jenny Martin, Brook Zidenburg, Tara Buntin Amber Dryden, Anna Russo, Candy Goodson, Tabitha Carmony, Coach Debbie Alger.



Atop the pyramid, junior Michelle Marshall cheers her loudest. "I like to fly. It doesn't seem as hard as basing. It's exciting to know that everyone is looking at you, but sometimes I get nervous that I am going to fall and everyone will be staring at me," she said. The stunt landed successfully.

Cheerleading played a large role in junior Jessica Mardis's life. "I have to practice nearly every day to learn each routine and cheer we do. Cheerleading requires so much determination and a strict personal agenda, but in the end the hard work pays off," Mardis said.





ow One: Captains: Kristi Geppert, Stacey Stone, Randi Webb, Lindsey Reinholdt. Row Two: Renee ooth, Sara Deihl, Jamie Bundlie, Jessica Mardis, Michelle Marshall, Kristi Sutton, Tabitha Carmony, rin Cobb. Row Three: Amber Freeman, Candy Goodson.



Row One: Captains: Jennifer Conway, Jenny Shores. Row Two: Tara Bunting, Jessica McNamara, Kristen White, Cecile Kormanik, April Backus. Row Three: Brooke Zidenberg, Lyndsay Bryant, Sara Davenport, Kristen Lindberg, Anna Russo, Diane Barnes, .

Youth, inexperience, team leaders keep JV basketball, volleyball teams

Looking forward

Meghan Steele

Losing most of the players for volleyball and basketball teams is a team's worst nightmare. Eve though, the JV volleyball and basketball teams set out to turn in the best showing they possibl could.

Both teams were filled with younger players. "We were really young and inexperienced. We only had four returnees and most of the rookies hadn't ever played outside of gym class. We started out real slow, but picked up towards the end of the season as the rookies improved," sophomore volleyball captain Whitney Allen said.

Sophomore captain Skip Banton believed that although the basketball team also had an abundance of youth with only two returnees, it would help in the future. "I feel that the youth on the team will turn out to be productive, but the only thing that will hurt them is size. They only have two big men returning next year," Banton said.

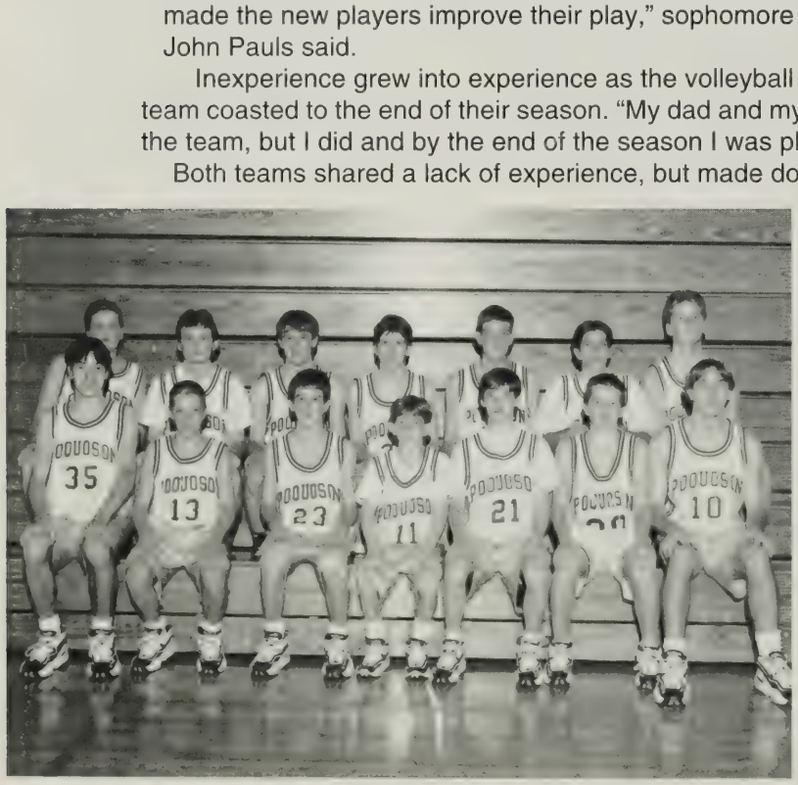
With the lack of returnees, it was important for returning players to take leading roles. "With almost a completely new team, Skip and I knew that we would have to step up our play and lead the team. We didn't let the inexperience of our teammates affect our play, which made the new players improve their play," sophomore John Pauls said.



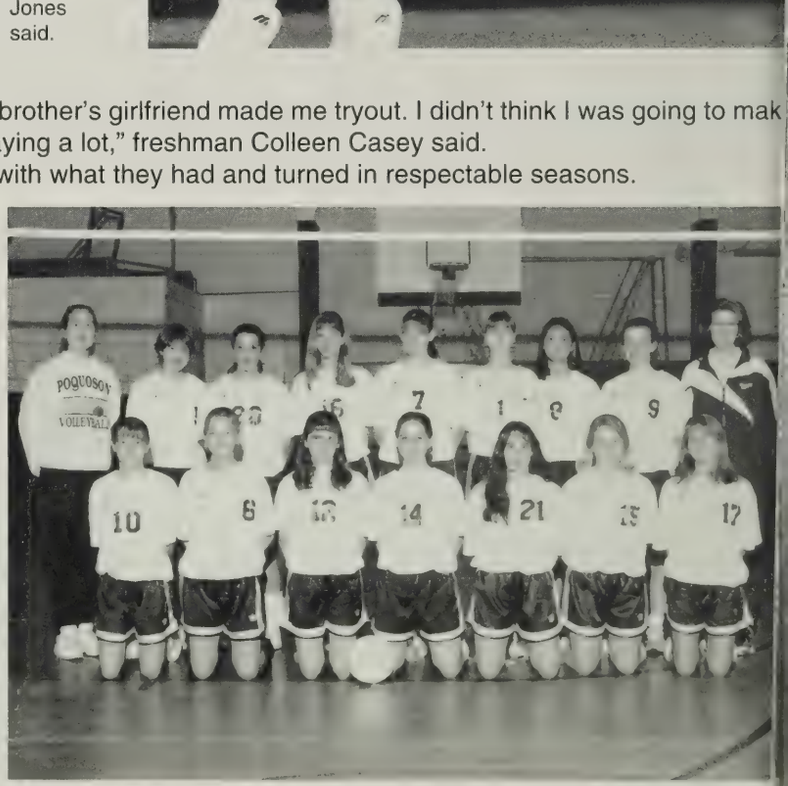
Sophomore Leslie Jones concentrates on making a good pass. "You have to be totally focused on the ball because without a good pass it's hard to finish the play," Jones said.

Inexperience grew into experience as the volleyball team coasted to the end of their season. "My dad and my brother's girlfriend made me tryout. I didn't think I was going to mak the team, but I did and by the end of the season I was playing a lot," freshman Colleen Casey said.

Both teams shared a lack of experience, but made do with what they had and turned in respectable seasons.



Row One: David Becker, Matt Hirschberg, Jeremy Jordan, Brandon Tignor, Joesph Hanlon, Tommy Warren, captain Skip Banton. Row Two: Matt Marlowe, John Pauls, captain Ryan Watson, Jonathan Farmer, Matt Fortner, Ben Duman, James Perry.



Row One: Colleen Casey, Lindsey Bomba, Katie Snow, captain Whitney Allen, Renate Newman, captain Jamie Gatz, Kimberly Garrett. Two: Coach Amanda Adkins, Eliza Greenman, Adreanne Gingras, Channi Green, Leigh Jenkins, April Cassell, Debbie Wong, Leslie Jones, Coach Lee Ann Hartley.



JV BASKETBALL

4-16

Hampton Christian	37-28
Southampton	41-48
Grafton	27-35
Bruton	42-43
Tabb	39-64
Jamestown	32-57
Smithfield	31-51
Lafayette	26-51
Franklin	36-46
York	19-21
Hampton Christian	52-42
Southampton	29-58
Grafton	46-47
Bruton	40-51
Tabb	27-50
Jamestown	38-46
Smithfield	50-37
Lafayette	35-41
Franklin	33-36
York	42-40

JV VOLLEYBALL

9-9

Franklin	4-15, 8-15
York	15-12. 13-15. 10-15
Southampton	15-8, 7-15, 15-6
Grafton	9-15, 15-7, 15-9
Bruton	15-6, 6-15, 15-10
Jamestown	15-8, 11-15, 7-15
Tabb	15-5, 15-10
Smithfield	13-15, 9-15
Lafayette	15-8, 6-15, 14-16
York	12-15, 10-15
Franklin	13-15, 5-15
Southampton	15-8, 5-15, 15-10
Grafton	12-15, 15-10, 11-15
Bruton	15-5, 5-15, 15-9
Tabb	15-6, 11-15, 16-14
Jamestown	15-8, 15-10
Smithfield	8-15, 11-15
Lafayette	15-3, 14-16, 15-8



Focusing on the basket, sophomore John Pauls attempts a shot in the game at Bruton. "We were down by 25 in the fourth quarter so Coach told us that if we had an open shot to shoot it, so I did," Pauls said. Although he made the shot, the team still lost.

In an effort to win the game, freshman Leigh Jenkins serves the possible game point. "Serves were very important because they can make or break the game. We spend a lot of time in practice serving,"Jenkins said. She served the winning point in the first game against Lafayette.

District champs, 7 honored, reaching regional semifinals has softball team

Gaining ground

Tammi Perok

YBD." Although it may seem like four letters that are thrown together, this acronym was told to the softball players at every practice. "Get Your Butt Down."

Offense was not a problem for the lady Islanders. Half their practices were focused on hitting. Although they lost three seniors that dominated their offense, they still hit well. "I think we did a great job. We overcame the loss of three seniors well," sophomore Sarah Walker said. Walker was the clean-up batter for the Islanders.

Pitching was not a problem either for the Islanders. Sophomores Sarah Walker and Jenny Martin were the all-district first team pitchers. Unfortunately, Martin suffered a knee injury in October. "I think I did well, considering I overcame a serious injury to my knee. I worked hard and came through all right," Martin said. Martin also received all-region second team for her performance in pitching.

Considering the outfield did not get much action, they still played an important role. If a ball got past them the runner got much farther than if the ball was missed by an infielder. "In the outfield, we usually make the play. We probably have one of the best outfields in the district because we all have strong arms," senior Beth Ann Thomas said. Thomas was a starting center fielder and was selected for all-district first team.



Before the start of an inning, senior Tammi Perok completes the warm-up exercise. "I make sure of a good throw to third base so we start the inning on a good note," Perok said.

The Islanders ended their season with a first place finish in the district, second place in the district championship and made it to the semi-finals of regionals. Unfortunately, they lost 1-0 against Bluestone.

SOFTBALL

19-3

Bruton	21-0
Jamestown	15-0
Grafton	5-0
Southampton	13-1
Franklin	14-2
Smithfield	20-0
Tabb	4-3
Lafayette	7-0
York	9-1
Bruton	17-0
Jamestown	23-0
Grafton	8-1
Southampton	19-1
Franklin	15-1
Smithfield	6-2
Tabb	3-4
Lafayette	10-1
York	12-3



Row One: captains: Tammi Perok, Randi Webb, Shari Gross. Row Two: Stacy Gross, Krystal Lambert, Leslie Jones Sarah Walker, Megan Powell. Row Three: coach Ed Spain, coach Joy Davison, Raychel Evans, Jenny Martin, Nicol Hicks, Renee Booth, Erin Cobb, coach Jeff Gross.





One of the most difficult, strenuous things to do was to overcome a serious sports injury. Sophomore Jenny Martin remains in the game even though she is still recovering from knee surgery. "I worked hard to come back from all of this, and hope to continue playing well through this season," Martin said.

Making sure it's a clear pass ball, senior Beth Ann Thomas steals second base. "I hardly ever get to steal, but when I get the signal, I turn it into high gear and pretend a bad person is chasing me. I run faster that way," Thomas said. She slid into second and avoided the tag.

Words from the ATHLETE



Tammi Perok

"One of the most important highlights of my season was when I was chosen to participate in the East V. West All-Star game. I felt very privileged to be nominated from our Bay Rivers District for second base."



Beth Ann Thomas

"The best part of my season was not breaking the strike-out record that I had previously set when I was a junior. Last year, I had a record breaking 15, but this year I was lucky and only had a mere 5."

Words from the ATHLETE



Andrea Hunter

"The highlights of my season were going to regionals in singles and doubles, remaining undefeated throughout the season and watching Kevin McClellan win regionals and finally make it to State."



Blair Hardaway

"I was really excited to make it to regionals. It was neat to be ranked the number one team in doubles going into districts. It was a great, challenging season."

Sports offered an opportunity to set and achieve goals never thought possible. Senior Courtney Judd devotes her time to improving her game. "Tennis has been extremely important to me. I have learned everything from the game, including teamwork. I also practice constantly, two to three hours a day, during the summer, to condition myself as much as possible," Judd said.



Returning the ball, senior Blair Hardaway scores a point. "I have to concentrate hard. Concentrating on the match is key to winning. If you have your mind set that you're going to win in warm-ups, you'll win in the end. A positive set of mind always helps," Hardaway said.





ow One: manager Karen Basnett, Katie Sanderson, Rikki Stetson, Jackie Ernzen, Nicole Krakowski, Kellee armenter. Row Two: Jennifer Conway, Sally Beazlie, Blair Hardaway, Alison Gooding, Courtney Judd, Andrea lunter, coach Jane Winner.

GIRLS' TENNIS

8-4

Bruton	9-0
Jamestown	3-6
Grafton	4-5
Southampton	8-1
Franklin	9-0
Matthews	7-2
Smithfield	9-0
Tabb	9-0
Matthews	4-5
Lafayette	4-5
York	7-2
Nandua	8-1

Two to regionals, winning record, rookie players stepping up show tennis team

Finishing strong

Rebecca Turbish

ourth in district and two players advancing to regionals. This was the varsity girls' tennis team.

Throughout the season, the varsity girls' tennis team faced many tough matches. "My doubles match with ndrea Hunter against Jamestown was my most emorable match. My emotions have never been so igh. The entire crowd was cheering for Jamestown nd yet I still had to get out there and perform. I was so roud of myself for having the courage to face what I as terrified of. We were ahead but we ended up sing. I have never sobbed so hard in my life," senior ourtney Judd said. She played both number one and umber two in doubles.

The number four singles player, sophomore Sally eazlie, felt her match against Lafayette was the ardest. "My toughest match was definitely Lafayette. It as hard because the girl was so nice and I hated eing mean. I ended up losing, but I still had a good ime," Beazlie said.

The number one singles and doubles player, junior ndrea Hunter, placed first in regular season play and econd in the district tournament. "I started out playing eally aggressive, but after the first set, I was physically nd mentally tired. I started to play tight, and nfortunately she took advantage of it. Hopefully, in regionals I'll be in better shape," Hunter said. Unfortunately, Hunter lost n the first round at regionals.



Making a move, junior Andrea Hunter swings at the ball. "Being back on the tennis team this year has been great. Despite our inexperience, we played well, Hunter said.

Although the team placed fourth in districts, they still felt they had a successful season, sending two to regionals.

Co-District Champs, 4 team members honored, 5 home runs prove baseball team

Jumping ahead

Vicki Firth

Just a base hit 1-5, put something in the grass. These instructions came from the dugout of the varsity baseball team, as sophomore David Stutt stepped to the plate. The team focused on the fundamentals in order to strive for success.

At the beginning, it looked to be a very long season. With injuries and the loss of players, things were not looking good. "After the hardships we had at the beginning of the year, we ended up having an excellent season," senior catcher Tyler Evans said.

The underclassmen played significant roles. With only three seniors starting, the underclassmen had to contribute. "Being a sophomore on the varsity team, I did not expect much playing time, but I played and started most of the games," sophomore John Pauls said.

The most challenging team for the boys was Lafayette. In the playoff game the teams battled it out, but in the end, Lafayette came out on top. This was the only loss to Lafayette. "It has been a real exciting year. We have battled all year with Lafayette for the championship. Even though we are co-champs, I feel we have accomplished a lot," sophomore first baseman David Stutt said.



After stroking the ball, senior Tyler Evans sprints to first base. "It wasn't hard to beat the throw with my get-away sticks," Evans said. He made it to first safely and advanced a runner.

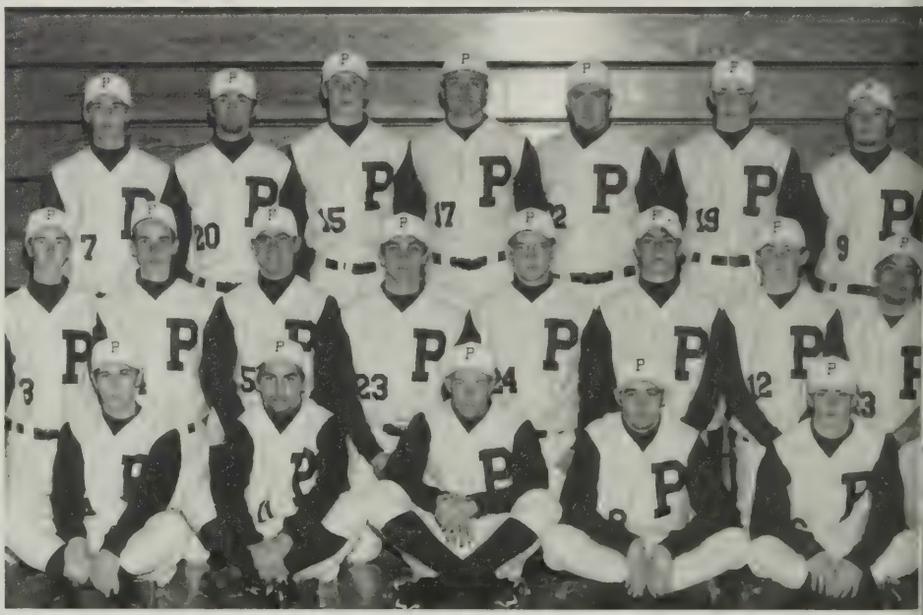
With the first district title win, the team felt they accomplished their goals. "We have played great this year. It's nice to finally win the district," junior Todd Goodson said.

As the season came to a close, the seniors, along with the rest of the team, felt fufilled with a district title. "Its been a great senior year. The team has done well and we had lots of fun," senior Jimmy DeWitt said.

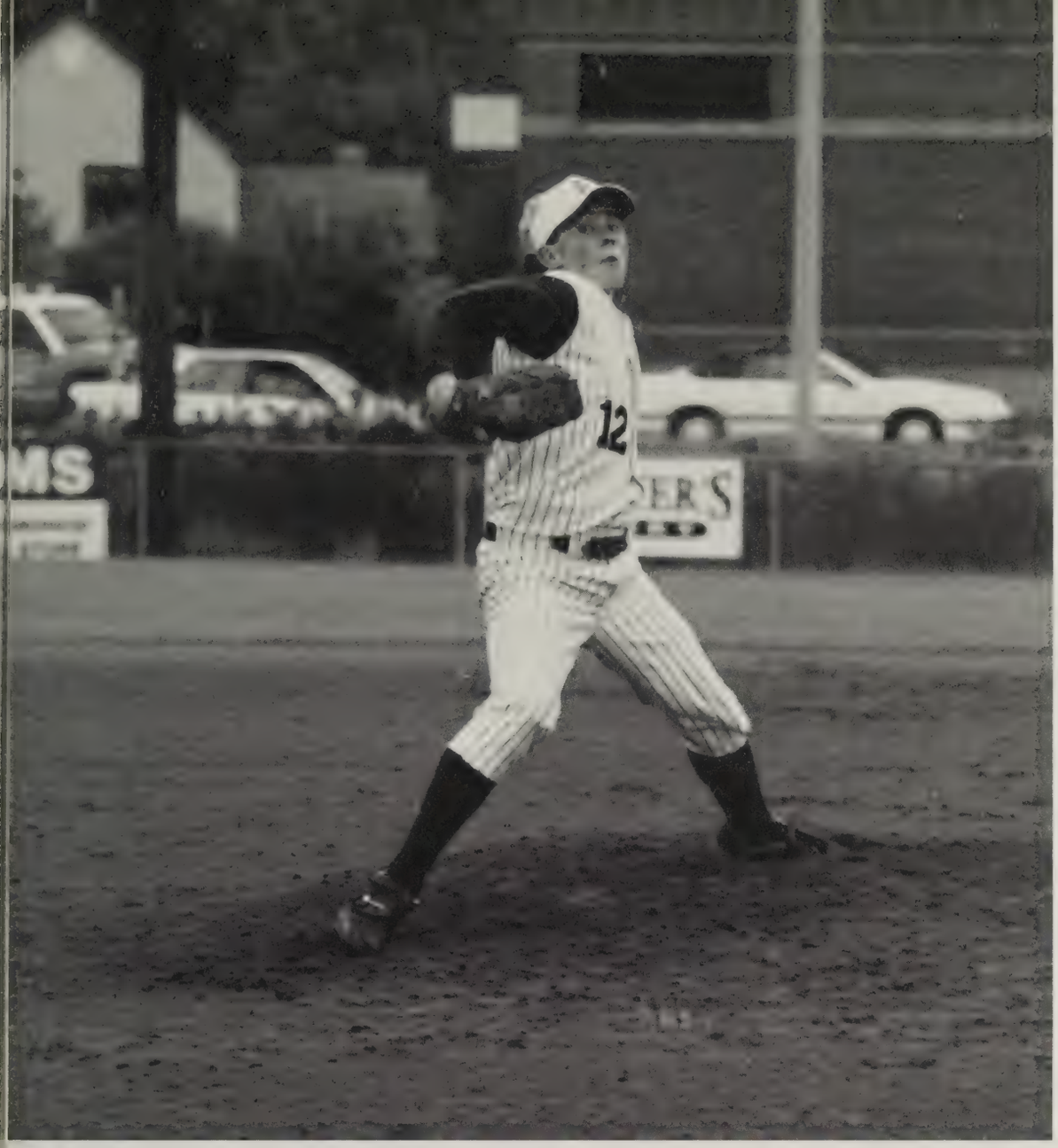
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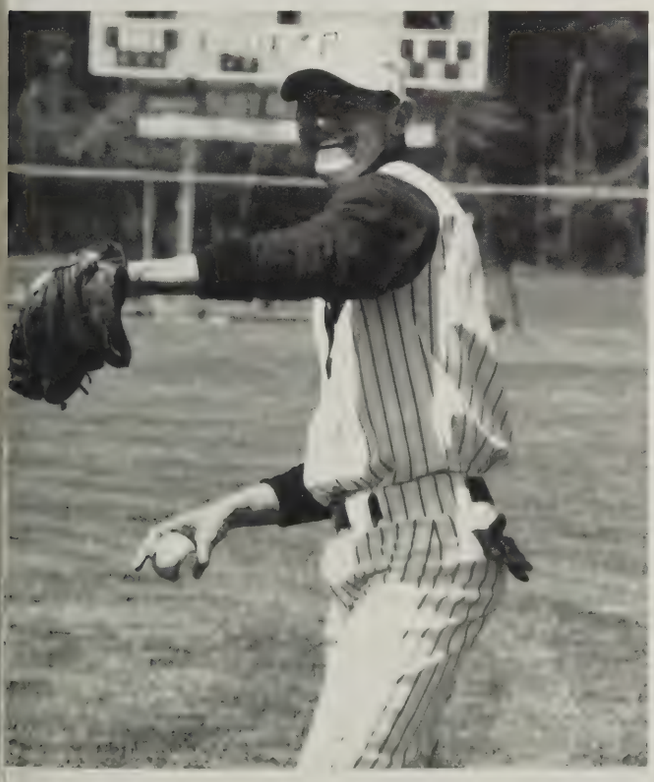
14-6

Bruton	6-1
Jamestown	18-5
Grafton	1-11
Southampton	13-6
Franklin	16-1
Smithfield	5-1
Tabb	3-2
York	1-2
Lafayette	4-3
Jamestown	11-4
Bruton	4-2
Grafton	8-4
Southampton	8-4
Franklin	6-4
Smithfield	4-1
Lafayette	6-4
Tabb	1-5
York	2-3
Lafayette	1-4
Grafton	3-7



Row One: Michael Brooks, Jerrod Hurr, captain Shawn Lacks, captain Tyler Evans, Jimmy Dewitt. Row Two: Chris Crawford, Brian Jones, captain Todd Goodson, Skip Banton, Travis Butler, Brian Parker, John Pauls, John Bell. Row Three: Adam Stout, Paul Keddell, David Stutt, coach George Yeager, Brian Bunting, Jeff Parrish, Grayson Bunting.





In a game against Smithfield, sophomore John Pauls winds up to pitch the ball. "I started pitching that game and coach told me to keep the ball low and throw strikes. So, I tried to do that," Pauls said. Poquoson won that game 5-1.

Warming up before the York game, junior Todd Goodson throws with sophomore David Stutt. "We played great, but we lost 2-1 in 9 innings. We were 7-2 after that game," Goodson said.

Words from the ATHLETE



Todd Goodson

"Being Co-Champs with Lafayette was a big accomplishment. It was the first time ever the baseball team had earned the honor. It was also a great honor to be named District Player of the Year."



Tyler Evans

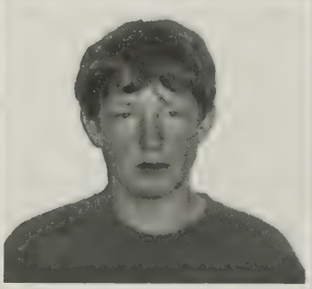
"The highlight of my season came in the Bruton game. In this game I hit my first ever career home run. It will make my senior season of baseball memorable."

Words from the **ATHLETE**



Kevin McClellan

"It felt great to finally place at State my senior year. It has been my goal since my freshman year and it felt good to finally achieve my goal. I feel this will propel me well into my college career."



Bryce Snyder

"Being a freshman playing number two was a great acheivement for me. I also was really happy to attend regionals in the doubles tournamnet with Kevin. Hopefully I will be able to reach regionals and state on my own in years to come."

After an opponent's serve, freshman number two player, Bryce Snyder, returns the ball. "I worked hard all year on my return. Being one of the youngest and smallest players in the district, I had to be sure to be able to return all of the older players powerful serves," Snyder said. Bryce won the match.

While at practice, senior Kevin McClellan works on his serve. "To relax myself when I hit a serve, I imagine myself on a deserted island lying on the beach with beautiful women fanning me and feeding me grapes," McClellan said. He played number one in singles and doubles.







w One: manager Brian Andriliunas, Jason Kent, Derek Juang, Kevin McClellan, Frank Beazlie, Ross Koenig, Brian g, Bryce Snyder. Row Two: Judd Compton, Daniel Farmer, Kyan Mulligan, Adam Seltzer, Jeremy Rogers, Mike rguson, Eric Hacecky, coach Mark VanDervort.

BOYS' TENNIS

8-3

Bruton	9-0
Jamestown	4-5
Lakeland	9-0
Grafton	4-5
Southampton	9-0
Franklin	8-1
Phoebus	5-1
Smithfield	9-0
Tabb	5-4
Lafayette	9-0
York	2-7

8-3 record, number one doubles to regionals, number one to state shows team has Winning ways

Paige Bishop

inning was only half the battle. The boys' tennis team had to face many battles on and off the court.

A mixture of old and new talent led to success. Senior Kevin McClellan made it to the state finals and placed third after

ur years of varsity tennis. "It was an honor to be the st from Poquoson to place in the state tournament. I as so proud to give Coach VanDervort his first state edalist, " McClellan said.

There were also many newcomers which lent new lents and possibilities. "This was my first year at the chool and also in the top six. I feel like I improved my ame playing against other schools in the district," eshman Bryce Snyder said.

Although success prevailed, the team experienced etbacks which they had to overcome. "There were a t of newcomers this season, and I was a little unsure f the team as a whole, but we pulled together for any close calls and came out all right, " junior Eric acecky said.

Injuries put a major strain on the team when they ccured at crucial moments. "The worst thing was sing to Grafton. I sprained my ankle, and the entire ne up was moved around. It was hard to watch, but e were able to move on, " junior Adam Seltzer said.



With his backhand junior Eric Hacecky hits the ball. "I went into this match not expecting much. My opponent surprised me, winning the first set, so I stepped up and won," Hacecky said.

One of the team's most serious issues was centered around Coach Mark VanDervort, who announced this as his last year f coaching at the end of the season. "I have been coaching high school sports for twenty-two years, and it is a big part of ho I am. I'll miss working with student athletes, and even the bus rides, a little, " Coach VanDervort said.

Kellam Tournament champs, District tournament champs, 5 honored shows soccer team

Playing hard

Tommy Crittenden

Play Like Hardmen. That was the motto of the boys' soccer team.

The team for the third straight year snagged the district tournament trophy from the top teams in the district by displaying three impressive 2-0 shutouts, including one over rival York in the finals.

"Beating York to win the district tournament really felt good. They are always a big rival and to be able to redeem our loss in the regular season showed we were the better team," senior goalkeeper Jarrett Yehlen said.

The streak ended, however, in the first round of the regional tournament. "Our final against James Monroe was a heartbreaker. We dominated the whole game and ran all over them, but we just couldn't put the ball in the back of the net. Though I was injured and on the bench, I couldn't believe my team let me down," senior Craig Brown said.

The team was full of talent, having five players honored on the all-district teams, and one of them, Jason Koptish, was player of the year. "Being named the district player of the year was a great honor. There were so many good players that it could have gone to anyone," Jason said.

The depth of players that the team displayed was a signifigant factor in the team's success. "The subs on the team were just as good as some of the starters. In the Tabb game, Coach was so confident in them he put them in with only a 3-2 lead. We ended up winning that game 4-2," junior defender Steve Tom said.

Opponents continued to fear the varsity soccer team because of their renowned hard style of play.



At a game against Jamestown, senior Cory Groseth battles for the ball. "It was disappointing to lose to Jamestown, but we bounced back and won the Kellam tournament," Groseth said.

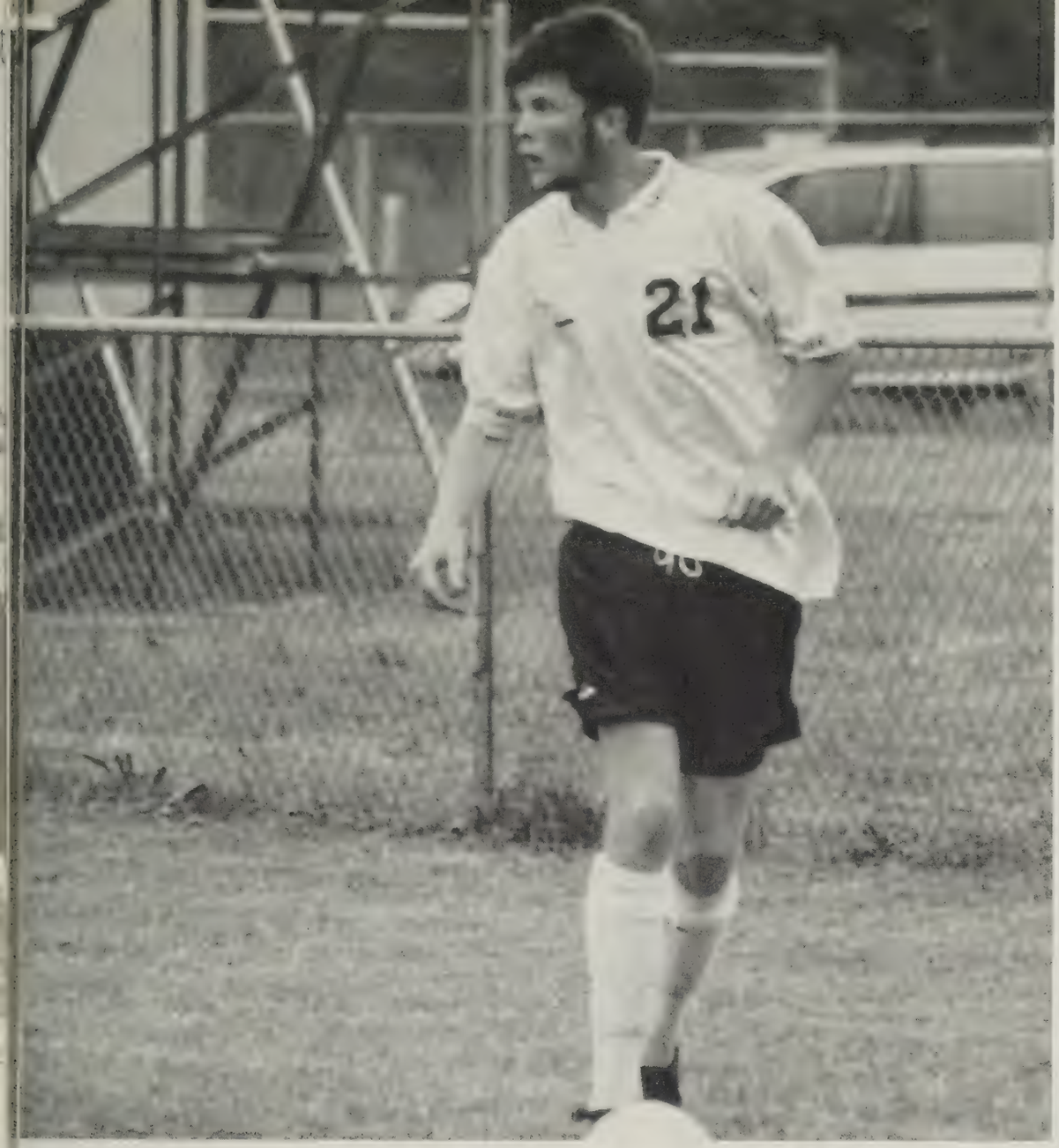
BOYS' SOCCER

13-3-2

Denbigh	3-2
Gloucester	5-2
Jamestown	1-2
Menchville	1-0
Tabb	4-0
Kellam	1-1
Smithfield	4-1
Lafayette	2-2
Grafton	4-1
Bruton	4-1
York	0-3
Southampton	6-1
Franklin	4-0
Tabb	4-2
Grafton	2-0
Lafayette	2-0
York	2-0
James Monroe	0-1



Row One: Jason Freeman, Ryan Hudgins, Andy Corbett, Jarrett Yehlen, Ross Hudgins, Justin Williams. Row Two: trainer Katie Lorigan, Andrew Staton, Jon Abell, Robbie Jenkins, Ricky Snapp, Ryan Hunter, Cory Groseth, Brett Nicholson. Row Three: coach Charles Sneedon, Adam Topping, Chris Harris, Chad Shelton, Tommy Crittenden, captain Tommy Morgan, Craig Brown, captain Shawn Edwards, captain Ja Koptish, Steven Tom, coach Steve Bender.





Dribbling down field, senior Tommy Morgan scans around for a teammate to pass to. "I usually take a look around the field before I play a ball. Most of the time Tommy Crittenden is my main target to pass to," Morgan said. The two Tommys eventually did connect for a chance at a goal.

In a home game against Bruton, junior Shawn Edwards clears the ball. "The good thing about playing sweeper is the opportunity to go coast to coast, and I got to take advantage of that in the Bruton game. Unfortunately, I missed my chipperoo," Edwards said.

Words from the ATHLETE



Jason Koptish

"Being named district player of the year highlighted my season. There were some really talented players within the district with the addition of Lafayette and Jamestown so it was a great honor, but I'd trade it for a State Championship anyday."



Shawn Edwards

"In the regular season we suffered a disappointing loss to York. We came back and beat them in the District Tournament final on prom day to advance to regionals. That was the high point of my season."

Long hot practices, many newcomers, 6 state qualifiers show track team on

Intense pursuit

Meghan Steele

If the district competition symbolizes Goliath, then the track team is David.

A youthful team, filled with inexperience, was hard pressed for leaders to rise to the occasion against the older, experienced district competition. "The competition kept me working pretty hard. With the new teams in our district, every meet was intense and competitive; it was great to see our team rise to the occasion," senior Alexis Ross, who placed tenth in state for the mile, said.

Because of the lack of experienced team members, many returnees ran multiple events. "At the beginning of the season I was concentrating on the 400 so I worked with the sprinters and did a lot of speed work. In the middle of the season the coaches switched me to the 800 so I did more distance work. I ran the 400 at districts though, so I really had to concentrate on which event I was running," junior captain Kristi Sutton said.

Learning how to prepare for the race was another aspect the newcomers had to be taught. "Since my race is almost last, I try to arrive at the meet later so I don't have to sit around and wait for hours. This helps me keep my mind off the race until it's almost time to run and I'm not too nervous ahead of time," junior Katie Boyle said.

Because the competition was so intense, many had different ways of handling it. "Track is distilled competition. It's you versus them and there's no one else to blame for your failure. There's nothing like the adrenaline rush and anticipation, nor the way you finish a race and you know you've done your best," senior captain Matt Williams said.



Throwing her body, sophomore Lauren Cochet competes in the shot put. "I enjoy shot put, but I'm better at discus, where it's lighter," Cochet, who placed sixth at State in discus, said.



Row One: Julia Goldman, Alison Quenville, Katie Daniell, Carolyn Meadors, Michelle Marshall, captain Kristi Sutton, Kristi Geppert, Jenny Zaremba, Britney Compton, Lindsey King, Larissa Montalvo, Liz Render. Row Two: Sandy Quinn, Eden Fenigsohn, Katie Boyle, Kelly Longstreet, Jennie Rein, Jill Jobson, Alison Gnatowsky, Krista Johnson, Jessie Young, Christine Meadors, captain Miranda Wichlens, Mandie Kern. Row Three: coach Tim Porter, Mary Sorrells, Erin Smith, Debbie Wong, Katie Rogers, Stefamie Fortier, Amanda Johnson, Tanya Myers, coach Terra McGonegal coach Joe Garrity. Row Four: Melissa Taylor, Erin Cole, Markley Tysinger, Amber Costello, Melissa Card, captain Lauren Cochet, Sarah Taliafero, Mandi Myers, Melissa Young, Becca Lawson,



Row One: Jimmy Royster, Eric Rose, Tim Yacoki, Jon Miller, Jason Eng. Row Two: coach Tim Porter, Jonathan Bad Jamie Maxwell, Jeremy Bloxom, Patrick Johnson, Jon Parker, coach Joe Garritty, coach Tera McGonegal. Row Three Chris Carter, James Rosensteel, Daniel Goodman, Jason Barnett, Zac Cobb, Matt Wiliams. Row Four: Cody Spencer, Brett Dorrance, Robert Jobson, T.J. Kegl, Josh Grohs, Scott Howell.



GIRLS' TRACK

6-3

Smithfield	10-38
Jamestown	10-59
Lafayette	40-97
Grafton	40-96
Franklin	40-15
Tabb	41-39
Bruton	41-88
York	73-58
Southampton	73-39

BOYS' TRACK

2-6-1

Smithfield	49-48
Jamestown	49-76
Lafayette	27-110
Grafton	27-51
Franklin	27-75
Tabb	21-49
Bruton	21-107
York	71-48
Southampton	71-71



At the Captain's Classic, senior Alexis Ross runs in a one mile event. "I thought the competition was a little fierce. At the beginning of this race there was a lot of pushing and shoving and I almost got knocked over. However, I still smoked the girl in front of me," Ross said.

As he reaches the line, sophomore Jamie Maxwell jumps into the pit. "Jumping is all about speed, strength, and technique. In other words, it's all in the shoes," Maxwell said. He finished the meet with his longest jump.

Winning records, commitment, intense practices give JV teams

Winning ways

Tommy Crittenden

Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing. While this may not be a phrase popularly shared among all sports teams, this phrase truly exhibits the way of life experienced by the junior varsity football and soccer programs.

The junior varsity football and soccer programs dominated their competiton. Football went undefeated for the third straight year, keeping the program on the upswing. "We had a lot of pressure, having been undefeated for two years in a row, but we handled it well and played great," sophomore Andrew Stewart said.

The JV soccer team came awfully close to matching the football squad's mark, only losing twice. "I always look forward to playing soccer in the spring, because we are always so successful," freshman Matt Quenville said.

The junior varsity teams worked on developing key skills to make themselves better players. This involved long, strenous practices to tone fundamentals. "We practiced extremely hard and everyone was committed. That was the main reason for our sucess," sophomore David Mattson said.

The success of the junior varsity programs impacted the players. "Football was great. I look forward to moving up to the varsity squad," sophomore Chip Edwards said.



While dribbling, freshman Jeff Stallings looks upfield. "Grafton was the hardest game all year. We were happy with a tie, even though we wanted a win," Stallings said.

All the JV players experienced the great feeling of being successful. They learned that in order to keep that feeling they had to work and practice extra hard. "I'm going to make sure that I don't slack off when I move up to varsity. I want to have another good season," sophomore Matt Torrenti said.



Row One: manager Jessica McNamara, Jason Divis, Matt Quenville, Chis Davis, Dan Harris, Chris Finstrom, Brandon Tignor. Row Two: manager Lindsey McCubbin, Michael Prichard, Brandon Routten, Brett Schwenneker, Jeremy Cooper, Ricky Sledd, Allen King, Justin Finch, manager Alise Svihla. Row Three: Jeff Stallings, Ryan Watson, Aaron Geppert, Daniel Martinez. John Morgan, coach Shawn Bender, Mark Marconi, John Dewey, Matt Torrenti, Ryan Koptish, manager Christen Moroze.



Row One: Mark Kurek, Corey Carr, Justin Moore, Jacob Hollingsworth, Brad Swortzel, Chase McCray, Ricky Fiedler. Row Two: Jerry Hansler, Stevie Cox, David Mattson, Chris Fox, Steve Saunders, Justin Holloway, Brian Parker, James Rosensteel. Row Three: James Perry, Chip Edwards, Andy Corbett, Andrew Stewart, Stephen Riley, Brian Bunting, Brett Dorrance, BJ West, trainer Lauren Cochet.



JV FOOTBALL

6-0

Lafayette	35-0
Grafton	34-7
Jamestown	25-0
Southampton	28-12
Tabb	34-7
New Kent	31-14

JV SOCCER

SCOREBOARD
NOT AVAILABLE



In an effort to make a save, sophomore Ryan Watson reaches for the ball. "Being a keeper is very stressful. My mistakes are always seen on the scoreboard," Watson said. He made the save successfully, and the team ended the game with a win.

In an attempt to set up a shot, sophomore John Morgan passes to another teammate who had the angle. "This season has had a lot of success. We've had some tough matches and we also had to adjust to a new coach," Morgan said.

Long bus rides, close games, tiresome practices show players Joining together

Vicki Firth

v sports are a step in the preparation for the next level of play.

Working to improve their skills, batting, pitching, catching and fielding balls led to winning seasons for both the JV baseball and softball teams.

The JV softball team had a successful season with a district championship to back it up. "It was wonderful that we went undefeated for the third year in a row," freshman Colleen Casey said.

The softball team's district games did not offer them much competition. The girls' last home game was the most challenging. "The last game against New Kent we almost lost, but we finally went ahead and kept our 13-0 record," freshman pitcher Holly McDaniel said.

The season could have been a result of how well the girls got along. "I think the team got along very well. Everyone worked together and focused on the goal ahead," freshman Candy Goodson said.

The JV baseball team also obtained a winning record and a district championship. The success was credited to new coach, Burt Torrence. "I think Coach Torrence helped the team a lot because when you have two good coaches each person gets the individual help they need," freshman Andy Shepherd said.

Practicing everyday, rain or shine, was a factor that contributed to their success. "Practice, I think, was the biggest contributor to the winning. Not because of our secret plays, b simply because our excellent coaches went back to the basics, the soft toss, repeated ground balls, and fly balls. We had a lot of repetition that helped out," freshman Greg Goodosn said.

Whether it was the JV girls' softball or boys' baseball, a successful season was the end result for both teams.



After making contact, freshman Colleen Casey is safe at first. "This year we went 13-0. We all hit very well and that's what led us to our undefeated season, Next year I hope we do as well," Casey said.



Row One: Andy Shepherd, Matt Hirschberg. Michael Humphrey, Richie Wightman, Jacob Hollingsworth, Row Two: Barry Weaver, Chris Loftus, Jonathan Farmer, Brent Huskey, Greg Goodson. Row Three: Ben Duman, Andrew Stewart, Travis Jones, coach Kenny Bennett, Brian DeWitt, Justin Mulkey, Jason Wilson.



Row One: Andreanne Gingras, Kellyn Larrabee, Jessamine Newer, Colleen Casey, Heather Tate. Row Tw Candy Goodson, Heather Wiley, Tina Campbell, Jamie Gatz. Row Three: April Cassell, Meredith Hicks, Lindsey Bomba, coach Todd Bowden, Holly McDaniel, Josie Sutton, Jessica Evans.



JV BASEBALL

11-1

Jamestown	5-11
Grafton	11-2
Southampton	20-4
Franklin	17-6
Smithfield	7-6
Lafayette	8-1
Jamestown	11-3
Grafton	12-3
Southampton	12-3
Franklin	12-3
New Kent	12-4
Smithfield	8-3

JV SOFTBALL

13-0

Jamestown	18-0
Nansemond Suffolk Academy	20-7
Grafton	17-1
Southampton	13-1
Smithfield	32-10
Grafton	11-10
Tabb	16-0
Jamestown	13-3
Grafton	11-1
Southampton	11-6
Tabb	11-1
New Kent	8-0
Smithfield	15-0



On the mound, sophomore Barry Weaver throws a fastball. "Being on the JV team is a lot less stressful than the varsity, so it's a lot more fun. I wish I could do this all year," Weaver said. He ended the inning with a strikeout.

Focusing on the catcher's mitt, freshman Candy Goodson prepares to throw the pitch. "We had a great season. We worked hard and had a lot of fun, thanks to coach Bowden," Goodson said. The girls ended their year with a 13-0 record.

Upsetting District Champs, District Tournament Champs, 3 honored show girls

Pushing limits

Kathleen Kreiger

P, P, with an H, H, H, H, with an S P with an H, H with an S, PHS Huh!

This cheer motivated the girls' varsity soccer team before every game.

The thought of winning was enough of an incentive to work hard. "We deserved everything we got. At practices we worked really hard and we all wanted to win. For a couple games we weren't at our best, due to injuries, but we knew we were the best team and we showed everyone that in the tournament," junior Mina Tabibi said.

Everyone had their favorite parts of the season. "My favorite part of the season was that we had a lot of fun at practices. Our team did really well, I think, since our record improved from the season before," JV keeper Amber Freeman said.

Team bonding played a major role in the performance of the players. "The team got along great both on and off the field. Before every game we gathered at someone's house for a spaghetti dinner to get us pumped for the game," sophomore Ann Stuart Cox said.

Being chosen as captain of the JV team was a great honor. "Being a captain was one of the best parts. Our new coach did a great job, and we had a lot of new and old talent. It was a great season," sophomore Amanda Zohn said.



On the line, junior Meredith Cassell attempts a corner kick. "Corner kicks are a great chance for us to make a goal, but for every bad kick Gemmill makes the team do 25 push-ups," Cassell said.

New players were a big asset to the team. "This was my first year playing goalie, not to mention even playing soccer. It was hard on me everytime we got scored on, because I thought it was my fault. Our defense really helped me out by keeping my head up and by playing really well," senior Danielle Kukich said.



VARSITY SOCCER Row One: Liz Render, Tracie VanHeeswyk, captain Jenny Stallings, captain Kathleen Kreiger, Mythili Rao, Mary Beth Evans. Row Two: Jillian Snow, Ann Cox, Sara Johnson, Rebecca Turbish, captain Natalie Stallings, Shannon Nobile, Amber Normandin, Mina Tabibi. Row Three: Krista Donaldson, Lara Brown, Jenny Lippincott, Cassie McDaniel, Danielle Kukich, Britney Carlson, Meredith Cassell. Row Four: manager Brett Watson, coach Bob Gemmill, manager James Messer.



JV SOCCER Row One: Blair White, Katie Snow, Amber Freeman, Lindsey Bryant. Row Two: manager Joe Hanlo Erin Jenkins, Lindsey Thrasher, Emily Swortzel, Jennifer Shores, Kimberly Garrett, Brooke Zidenberg, manager Kati Kern. Row Three: Diana Fithian, Lisa Schwenneker, Amanda Zohn, Whitney Gallagher, Theresa Davis, Amy Dorente Eliza Greenman. Row Four: manager Randall Lawson, coach Ed Lilley.



VARSITY GIRLS' SOCCER

10-5-3

Norfolk Christian	1-0
HRA	0-1
Norfolk Collegiate	2-0
Granby	0-1
Lakeland	5-0
Jamestown	1-2
Gloucester	0-0
Oscar Smith	2-1
Western Branch	0-1
Lafayette	0-0
Grafton	0-1
Bruton	3-1
York	2-2
Walsingham Academy	3-1
Tabb	1-0
Bruton	2-1
Grafton	2-1
York	3-2

JV GIRLS' SOCCER

5-4-2

Lakeland	7-0
Western Branch	0-3
Lakeland	0-0
Gloucester	0-2
Oscar Smith	2-0
Western Branch	0-3
Lafayette	2-0
Peninsula Catholic	6-0
Jamestown	1-0
Gloucester	0-3
Walsingham	1-1



Standing on the sideline, varsity girls' soccer coach Mr. Bob Gemmill discusses strategy with junior Natalie Stallings. "Mr. Gemmill was telling me to stay on the touchline in order to spread out the game. Then when I got the ball, it wouldn't be so crowded, which would make it easier for me to dribble," Stallings said.

At a home game, junior Shannon Nobile fights against a York player to get possession of the ball. "I think they caught us all off guard, especially because we hadn't played a game in over a week. We did come back to tie the game. We should have won, but that was typical of our season," Nobile said.

FLIPPING THROUGH A BOOK, JUNIOR MARK ROSENOW LOOKS UP INFORMATION FOR A PROJECT WHILE SENIOR SARA JOHNSON WORKS ON CALCULUS HOMEWORK. SARA GAVE MARK A RIDE TO THE LIBRARY SO HE COULD RESEARCH AN ASSIGNMENT FOR HIS SPEECH CLASS. "THE NEW LIBRARY IS EXTREMELY FUNCTIONAL AS BOTH A RESEARCH CENTER AND A GATHERING PLACE FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES. ALSO, THE MORE SPACIOUS AREA ALLOWS ONE TO SIT BACK, RELAX, AND ENJOY THE NEW SEVENTEEN MAGAZINE IN PEACE," MARK SAID.

USING AN INSTRUMENT TO NOTE THE GPS (GENERAL POSITIONING SATELLITE), JUNIOR BRIAN BUNTING, SOPHOMORE JUSTIN MOORE, AND FRESHMAN TIM HENLEY FIND THEIR EXACT GLOBAL LOCATION. "BECAUSE OF THE CONSTRUCTION, THE STUDENTS CAPITALIZED ON OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. NORMALLY PROJECTS LIKE THIS WOULD BE RELEGATED TO THE END OF THE YEAR. THIS FALL, WE WERE ABLE TO BORROW ENOUGH OF THE INSTRUMENTS SO THAT SMALL STUDENT TEAMS COULD BETTER UNDERSTAND THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION," TECHNOLOGY TEACHER MR. TOBY OMMUNDSEN SAID.





All Work, No Play

Noisy classrooms, relocated technology classes make studies difficult

–By Nicole Feldl

Annoyance or blessing?

Construction workers served a dual purpose for students during classtime--they disrupted concentration with noise, while, at the same time, their presence promised new things to come.

The classrooms situated towards the back of the building, such as that of Mrs. Mary Beth Leavitt, were the ones most effected. *"The noise was very annoying. The exhaust fan wouldn't turn off for a while, and Mrs. Leavitt had to scream for any of us to hear her. It was such an inconvenience. There also seems to be banging at any given time,"* ***senior Christa Stutt said.***

For the first part of the year, students with classes in the technology building were forced into relocating to the library. *"It was boring having to work in the library because you couldn't do much. I'm in Material Processing, and we couldn't use any of the tools that we should have been able to use,"* ***freshman Mark Kurek said.***

The library itself had some obstacles. *"They're building a glass brick wall in the back of the library, so they put up a huge wood wall for while they work. The construction is also louder in the library because it's so close, and it's hard to concentrate,"* ***senior Traci Hazen said.***

Yet despite all the hardships, the construction workers also brought six new classrooms and an improved library, among other accomplishments. These events only added to the perception that academics were ALL WORK, NO PLAY.



WATCHING ON, SENIOR MARY BETH EVANS WAITS FOR SENIOR ASHLEIGH SCHULLER TO ADJUST THE BUNSEN BURNER. ONE CHANGE MADE IN THE SCIENCE LABS WAS THE SWITCH FROM USING BOTTLED PROPANE TO NATURAL GAS. "THE EXPERIMENT THAT WE WERE DOING WAS ON THE PREPARATION OF A SILVER MIRROR BY WAY OF THE TOLLENS' TEST. IT WAS NEAT TO SEE THE PROCESS OF A CHEMICAL REACTION AND THE FINAL OUTCOME. YOU FEEL LIKE A TRUE CHEMIST WHEN THE EXPERIMENT IS SUCCESSFUL," ASHLEIGH SAID. ASHLEIGH AND MARY BETH WERE STUDENTS IN MRS. MARY BETH LEAVITT'S ORGANIC CHEMISTRY/ADVANCED CHEMISTRY CLASS.

Visuals proved helpful for students. "Charts, graphs, skits...I use anything I can get my hands on," senior Matt Williams said. In Mrs. Bonnie Fay's AP English class, Matt uses an overhead projector to aid him in expressing his ideas on a poem.





Oral presentations were insightful for students' peers. "Once every semester, Mr. Van has his students give oral readings at the beginning of class. I think that it is a really good idea. I've heard some personal writings from my fellow students that have given me a better idea of who they are and what they're about," junior Mark Rosenow said.

In order to give a presenta- tion on a poem, the poem had to be thoroughly analyzed. "I knew that as soon as Mrs. Fay told me I had chosen a poem by T. S. Eliot, I knew I was in trouble. It was called "The Hollow Men," and it was really demeaning and difficult to understand," senior Nicole Feldl said.



Reports provide ananlysis

Presentations enhance collected information

By Mary Beth Evans

The look in the eyes of students as their English teacher assigns a project is one of doom and dread.

The downside to research papers was easy for students to recognize. "Research papers are a big pain. They give everyone a huge headache and take forever to do," sophomore Jason Barklerode said.

Research paper assignments left room for improvement. "English reports would be more fun if teachers allowed students to pick the topic," freshman Cheyne Ponatka said.

One optimistic view about reports was that they could help a student's grade. "English reports aren't the most exciting thing to do, but once we've gotten a decent grade, it's worth it," junior Katie Powell said.

"This year I learned that you can change your topic at the last minute and still do the paper in one weekend."
junior Katie Boyle

Students learned from projects. "This year I learned that you can change your topic at the last minute and still do the paper in one weekend," junior Katie Boyle said.

In-class presentations seemed to accompany research papers. "Oral presentations are okay but it can be nerve-racking to get up in front of the class. I just look at people I know to give me support," senior Jennifer Kennedy said.

Oral presentations were challenging. "You always mess up an oral presentation. You get embarrassed or forget something. Also, there's at least one person in the class making funny faces at you," junior Greg Deaver said.

English projects were a fact of life for high schoolers and students were able to find the ups and downs of completing a report.





In order to complete papers and presentations, topics had to be researched. Students looked for information on the Internet. "I was doing a *Lord of the Flies* research paper. The Internet was helpful, but Shawn didn't know how to use it," senior Michael Bunting said. Michael and senior Shawn Gillespie researched together.

Oral presentations didn't always bother students. "I don't get nervous in front of people. I really thrive in front of an audience. I get real nervous beforehand, but once I get up there, I just focus, and it's a breeze," senior Courtney Judd said. Courtney just focused on what she was saying in Mrs. Bonnie's Fay's AP English class and went on with her presentation.

Machines solve equations

Solutions found with aid of helping device

By Nathan Holst

Open your books and take out your calculators class. Today we are learning how to take inte grand summations by parts."

Mathematics lessons like these became time consuming and nearly impossible, if it was not for the use of calculators. Even when students understood the concept and theory behind a math lesson, they still relied on their calculators to do the number crunching behind the problem.

"We already have so much on our minds. Calculators ease the workload that we have by allowing us to do work faster." sophomore Tim Gore

Some students relied on their calculators for help during math class. "Every time my math teacher tells us to do work, I pull out my trusty TI-85," junior John Hardin said.

Calculators were found to be helpful in classes other than math during the course of a regular school day. "It seems as if my calculator is always out for all my classes, besides AP Statistics," senior David Scott said.

In most cases, using calculators cut down the stress o schoolwork. "We already have so much on our minds Calculators ease the workload that we have by allowing us to do the work faster," sophomore Tim Gore said.

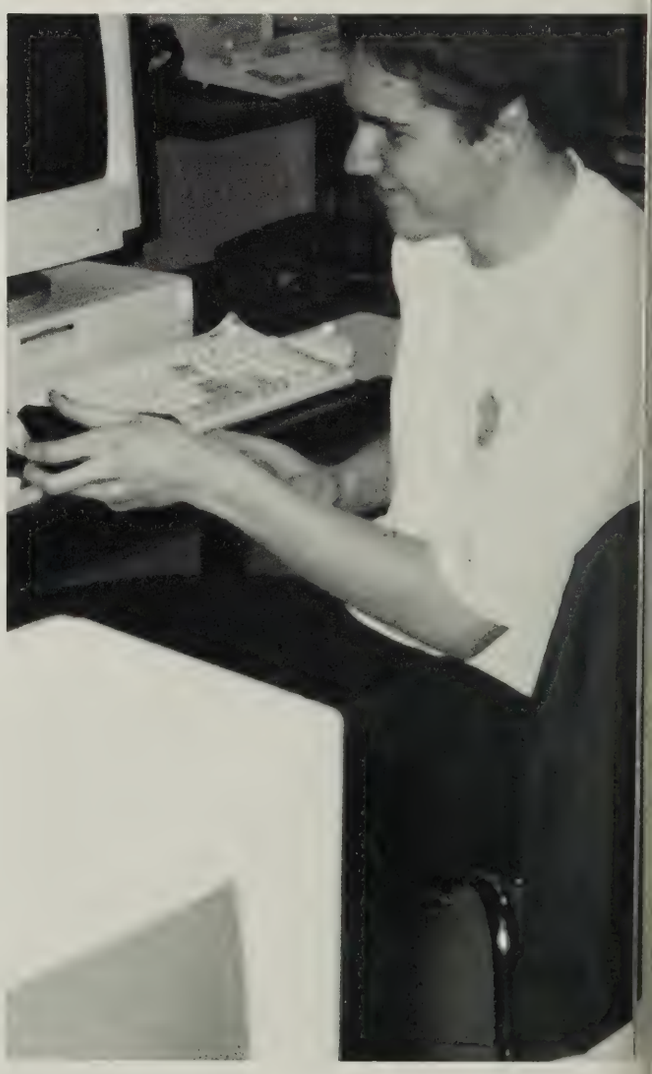
Calculators were used frequently by stu dents during school. "There is nothing wron with using calculators to help you all the time freshman Ross Koenig said.

Teachers, on the other hand, wished stu dents did not have to rely on calculators s much. "Sometimes I don't allow the student to use them until they have learned the concept," mat teacher Mrs. Janet Knight said.

Students eased their stress and finished their home work on time, thanks to the speed of their calculators.



The complexity of many calculator programs caused students to rely on each other for help. Junior Steve Gula shows senior Jamie LaRue how to run an integation program from his calculator. "I find that seeing work on the calculator allows me to better understand it, instead of having someone tell me what to do and figuring it out later," Jamie said. Through cooperation, students were able to master the programs.



Calculators were essential tools for students when it came to doing math homework. Sophomore Patrick Rault is relieved to reach the end of his homework. "Using my calculator allowed me to finish my work faster, leaving me plenty of time for other things," Patrick said. The speed at which calculators solved problems cut the time it took to do homework.

Calculators were essential in the learning process for most students. Calculus teacher Mrs. Nancy Gore shows the class a solution to the previous night's homework. "Graphing calculator technology allows me to demonstrate more complex examples to help students at all math levels to thoroughly understand the concepts," Mrs. Gore said.





Games on the calculator were a form of entertainment and relief from the everyday pressures of school. Senior Marc McGarry plays a linked game of Pong. "I've always thought playing multiplayer games is more fun than playing by myself," Marc said. Many students played calculator games with their free time.

Math students found that doing their work on a calculator occasionally caused problems. Senior Drew Dixon looks with disbelief at his calculator's answer. "I try not to rely on my calculator. Sometimes it gives me weird answers if I make just one little error in the problem," Drew said. Students learned to balance working on both paper and the calculator.



During a Mardi Gras celebration, junior Ashley Brownley tries on a bead necklace with junior Lindsay Lane. "Michelle brought in her Mardi Gras beads from New Orleans. We had a party to celebrate," Ashley said. The Mardi Gras party was a chance for students to experience items that were unique to a particular culture.



Preparing for a German cultural lesson, junior Jennifer Bookwalter places German music on the record player for the class to sing along to. "In German we liked to listen to German songs, sing with them, and translate them. Our favorite was 'Mein Bester Freund' (My Best Friend)," Jennifer said. Music was an important tool that was used to teach German culture.



Backgrounds bring awareness

Classes blend world cultures, traditions

By Ruth Ann Hultman

It's Greek to me!

Taking a foreign language allowed students to learn about different cultures while learning the language. "I'm in Spanish III, and we did a report on Puerto Rico, which teaches us about life in a Spanish-speaking area," sophomore Amy Fairchild said.

Celebrating a culture's holidays also helped students to learn about that culture. "In German class we celebrate Fasching, a sort of German Mardi Gras. It takes place before Lent and we eat and make masks," junior Jamie Rogers said.

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Some students felt that by only taking a foreign language they really didn't learn that much about the culture. "We mainly learn the reasons why they speak their language the way they do. You don't really learn about their culture," junior Josh Hurr said.

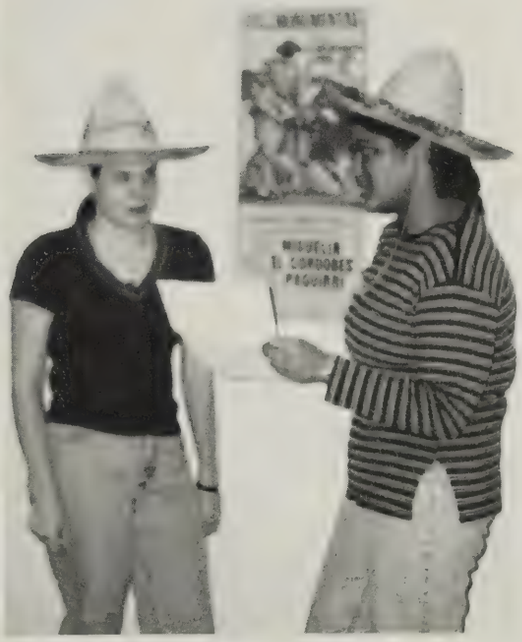
Students participated in typical foreign festivals. "W celebrate Mardi Gras by making awesome masks and bringing in food and drinks. Although we didn't have t chance to act wild, we had lots of fun," senior Same Mang said.

Not learning more about the culture other countries was disappointing for sor students. "I was disappointed that this yea Spanish II, we didn't do many cultural acti- ties. I liked doing cultural activities and wi that we did more," freshman Chris McClend said.

It was fun for students to learn about different cultur Most students, however, didn't feel they learned enou about the culture just by taking a foreign language cla







At the Mardi Gras party in French III, junior Katie Creecy cuts her mask while sophomore Jason Harklerode colors his. "We were making masks for French and celebrating Mardi Gras. It was a creative experience to learn about French culture," Jason said. Students enjoyed learning about culture through fun activities.

In German class, during a party, junior April Klaassen watches while junior Jamie Rogers colors materials for making a mask. "During our celebrations in German class, we ate German food and made art projects. We had a great time reading articles off the internet. We had to translate them, though, which was not fun," April said. Parties in foreign language class allowed students to get creative and have fun.

While singing a song about Cinco de Mayo, juniors Melanie Buckley and Suchi Vatsa celebrate during Spanish class. "Cinco de Mayo celebrates the Mexican victory over the French. We celebrate it in class by dressing in sombreros and later eating nachos. It was our way of showing our cultural awareness," Suchi said. Students learned about cultural holidays through in-class celebrations.



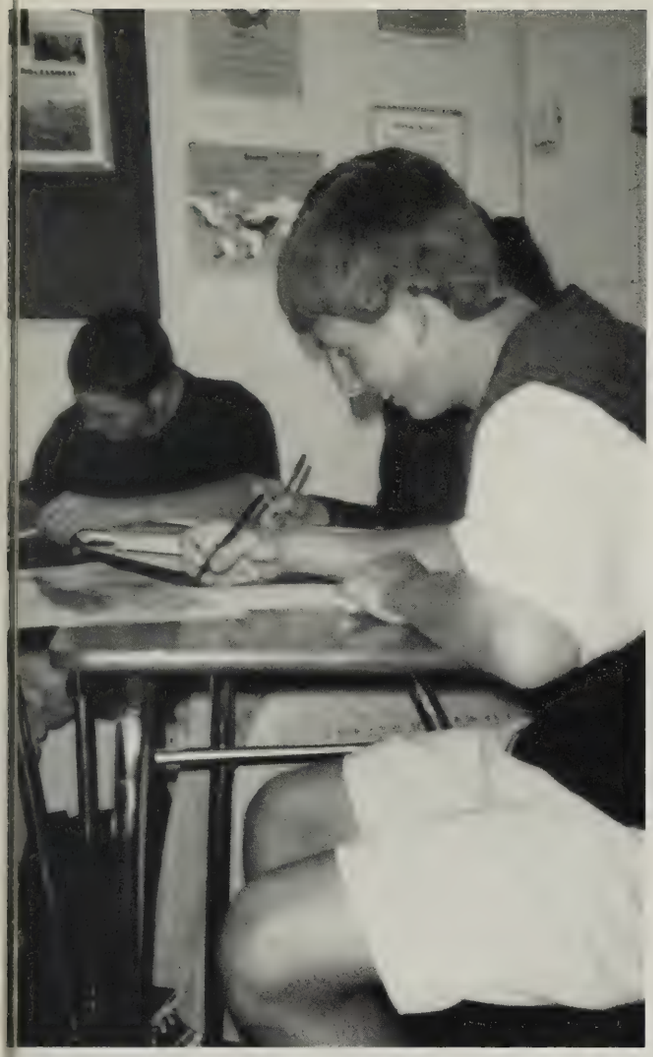
Working in groups wasn't always an assignment but the students' idea. "Our class was reviewing for the AP exam, and Mandie thought of making a time line. Terri did all the art work, and the rest of us, the letters," junior Kim Garris said. They worked on it for their AP history test.

As working in groups became less common, students got used to working individually. "I enjoy working in a group sometimes but most of the time I prefer working by myself. That way, I can set my own pace, and I don't have to worry about someone else not doing their part," junior April Klaassen said.



Finishing work faster and easier wasn't always the only reason why students liked working together. "I'm glad we got to take tests in groups because it helped us get better results in our grades and we also learned about division of labor," junior Jennifer Chung said.





In many classes, group work was assigned by teachers when large amounts of work needed to be done. In geography class, senior Robby Ankeney and sophomore Jason Freeman work together on a map project. "Working in groups is better because among several people, the work gets done faster," Jason said. Through cooperation and teamwork, groups of students were able to finish their work on time.

Working in groups with friends gave students extra time to catch up with one another. Freshman Corrie Messick works on a project with a classmate. "Working with friends is great. I have time to talk with them while finishing the work," Corrie said. The presence of friends also alleviated boredom in the classroom.



Assignments require collaboration

Projects demand cooperation among classmates

By Lia Farina

Learning and sharing knowledge. That was the main reason social studies teachers gave for using the working-in-groups technique.

Working with others was sometimes more effective than normal class work. "We've done a couple of group projects in World Geography. I like doing these kinds of activities because I seem to learn better from others than from a book," freshman Whitney Gallagher said.

Beyond class work, some students got together after school to prepare for big projects and tests. "My friends and I like to study for tests and do homework together. The truth is, we talk more than we work. But when we do work, it makes everything easier by splitting the tasks," junior Ashley Brownley said.

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freshman Whitney Gallagher

Although students enjoyed it and learned more, working in groups didn't seem to be very common. "We only did one group project in government this year. I like working in groups because it's more fun than just taking notes and doing worksheets," senior Miranda Wichelns said.

Splitting up work was also a good way to get better grades and learn more about the topic. "We group test. I enjoy this because we don't need to remember all the material, we can each study a part and combine our knowledge," junior Christine Meadors said.

Working in groups provided a good environment for students to learn from classmates. Working together enabled students to teach each other by sharing information. It was the best way for students to finish work.

Setting up cones for behind the wheel , driver's ed. teacher Mrs. Sharon Pauls shows students the hazards of driving. "The hands-on instruction is a nice change from the classroom, plus it gives me a chance to see students perform the skills we have discussed in class," Mrs. Pauls said.





Driver's education behind the wheel was a way to spend time after school. "I enjoy having behind the wheel after school because I know soon I'll be able to drive. Coach Torrence has helped me learn things necessary for the road," junior Brian Jordan said.

The rewards of driver's ed. are not always just a driver's license. Some students were presented special opportunities for their good driving skills. "I was in a driving contest and I won $50. The hardest part was driving through a special range made of cones. I probably knocked down half of them, but I won first for the on-the-road test," sophomore Steven Purdy said.



Drivers gain experience

Practice in car teaches rules of the road

By Mary Beth Evans

An afterschool adventure. That was driver's education behind the wheel.

During behind the wheel, students had to be ert and watch their driving. "The scariest thing about ehind the wheel was remembering all the signs and to go ıe speed limit," sophomore John Pauls said.

There were other difficult parts of behind ıe wheel. "The hardest part was getting on ıe interstate. Getting off was easy," sopho- ıore Cassie McDaniel said.

Near accidents sometimes occurred. Once I was about to pull out of a parking lot nd there was a blind turn so I couldn't see. I decided to ull out and as soon as I did, this car comes flying around e corner. Mr. Torrence had to slam on the brakes! It as quite scary," sophomore Sally Beazlie said.

"The hardest part was getting on the interstate. I had never done it before. Getting off was easy."
sophomore Cassie McDaniel

Driver's ed. was less eventful for other students. "Driver's ed. was not hard because they're always watching you, nothing that stressful," junior Paul Gilbert said.

Students certainly saw value in the course. "I haven't started behind the wheel yet and I hope I get an easy instructor because I really need to pass so I can drive this summer," sophomore Diana Fithian said.

In order to pass Driver's ed., students had to pass a driving test. "I was nervous because my partner was gone so I had to drive for two hours the day of the test. It was very boring but I got my license finally," senior Amy Sutherland said. Despite the trials and tribulations of behind the wheel, students agreed that the reward, a driver's license, was worth the work.





Besides driving experience, behind- the-wheel lessons taught students to be aware of the surrounding area before getting inside the vehicle. Before driving home from school, sophomore Kellee Parmenter examines her car to check for possible hazards. "I always check around my car before I start driving because I would hate to run over something when it could have easily been prevented," Kellee said.

Concentrating during driver's ed. behind the wheel was essential to success. "It's really nerve racking having someone watch for you to make a mistake. The best part though was being handed my license," sophomore Rachel Ricklefs said. Rachel periodically checked the engine of the car to make sure everything was working properly.

Performers display talent

Nervous actors, musicians compete for selective positions

By Craig Gallaer

The actress trudges into the theater, her palms dripping with sweat. She forgets the performance she has practiced. She stutters as she states her name.

This scene often occurs on the Broadway stage, but students in performing arts found that they too must audition to earn privileges.

Getting a role in drama demanded an audition that some feared and others enjoyed. "I don't find auditions especially intense, but some people get stressed. If you relax and let yourself shine through, you get better results," senior Danielle Kukich said.

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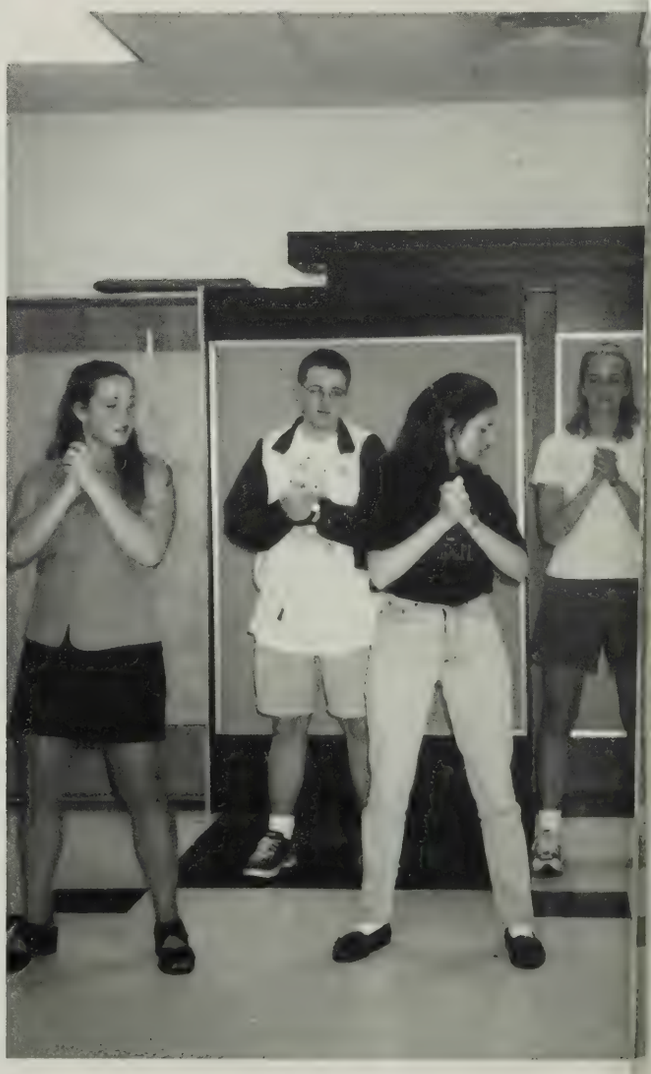
Teachers holding auditions for activities made judgments based on preset elements. "What I look at depends on the show I am casting. I want to see energy and stage presence - the feeling that one is at home on stage. A student must match with a role and be believable. I need clarity and projectibility in their voice, and there must be chemistry between an actor and the audience," drama director Mrs. Karen Shepherd said.

Band students were required to audition for all-district band where they competed with musicians from area schools playing the same instrument. "Usually, I practice the music a few months ahead of the audition. Once, a girl who was helping in my judging room told me the previous player was so good. That didn't raise my confidence much about getting in the band," senior Shari Gross said.

Auditions caused fear in the mind, but were essential in choosing those qualified for select opportunities.



An auxiliary group performed with the marching band that consisted of a color guard and featured majorettes. Practicing after school for her majorette audition, sophomore Diana Benner twirls her baton. "I have been twirling for a long time, and since I've gotten pretty good, I enjoy performing whenever I can," Diana said. The auxiliary group added visual effects to the band's field show performance.



During a free moment in drama class, senior Sarah Dewey shows juniors Raychel Evans and Rebecca Lawson and sophomore Chris Hall the audition movements for the Soundsation show choir. "We're already in Soundsation so we didn't have to audition again. Sarah just showed us the steps so we could teach any new people who tried out," Chris said.



Drum majors led the march- ing band by conducting the music during field shows. Auditions were held in the spring to select three individuals to fill this position. As senior Danielle Kukich shows him proper saluting style, junior Matt Shepherd mirrors her actions. "I have wanted to be drum major for three years now, and I think this year I can make it," Matt said.



Auditions also took place for events outside of school. After school in Mrs. Sandy Katz's room, sophomore Diana Fithian looks through books to select a piece for an audition for the Summer Governor's School for the Arts. "It was hard to find just the right piece, but after I found it, I practiced it in front of my mom, Mrs. Katz, and Mrs Shepherd. They also helped me think up answers for possible interview questions," Diana said.

The spring choral concert featured solo acts selected from members of chorus classes. In hopes of being selected as a soloist, senior Liz Render sings a prepared song for chorus teacher Mrs. Dot Little. "I've been in chorus for a while, and there are many talented singers. The competition will be stiff to see who gets a solo," Liz said. Solo acts highlighted chorus students who had worked hard to prepare a showcase of their talent.





While outside, senior Nina Richardson cleans her fish tank. "To clean the tanks, we had to scrub them with soap and put salt in them to kill the bacteria," Nina said. Students had to clean their tanks well before they could put fish in them.

When adding fish to an aquarium, students had to let the bag the fish were in sit in the aquarium water to let the temperatures adjust. After opening the bag, senior David Tomlinson adds fish to the aquarium. "I liked aquariums because we could make up our own. We could design it the way we liked it and put the fish we wanted in it," David said.



Seafood yields information

Fish tanks provide representation of ocean life

By Jennifer Mabe

Fish, filters, and tanks.

These were the three main components of an aquarium. Students enrolled in oceanography made aquariums and learned about the ocean environment.

The new science labs were where the students constructed their aquariums. "I've been looking forward to making aquariums all year. We had to wait to move into our new room before we could start them," senior Craig Brown said.

> **"I enjoyed making aquariums. They helped me learn a lot about nature and the environment. They also helped me learn about the food chains in nature." senior Larissa Montalvo**

The effects humans had on the environment was shown in the aquariums. "I learned how much we humans screw up everything when it comes to nature. Hopefully though, all my animals will survive," senior Pete Anderson said.

Aquariums offered a change from regular classwork. "I'm glad to start making our aquariums. It is a nic change and now we don't have to spend the whole clas period sitting at our desks," senior Taylor Morgan said.

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A sample of ocean life was displayed aquariums. "When we finally did aquarium they showed how hard it is to control a environment and what mistreating the organisms can c to the ecosystem," junior Ryan Ferry said.

Aquariums were an experience that was both fun ar educational for students.







During class, junior Paul Keddell feeds his fish. "The best part about watching the aquariums was when the feeder-fish were getting attacked. The feeder-fish were too big so the other fish couldn't eat them," Paul said. Students enjoyed observing the fish in the aquariums.

Before filling their tanks up with water, students had to place rocks, plastic plants, and other items in their aquariums. Senior Lorri Singleton decorates her aquarium with a plant. "It took me a while to fix up my aquarium. I couldn't decide where I wanted the plants, so I kept rearranging them," Lorri said.

Besides aquariums, the oceanography classes also had a pet snake. Senior Craig Brown watches the snake eat a mouse. "It was fascinating. I had never seen such a thing. The snake squeezed the mouse to death, then he swalllowed it whole," Craig said.



Special projects required detailed work and talent. Senior Tiffany West works on her flower shaped tea pot. "It took me some time to put it together because the slabs of clay needed to be thin. I was afraid it would collapse but it worked out pretty well," Tiffany said.

Many students who took art class learned to work in different mediums. Junior Mareike Sinapius works on a still-life painting. "This was my first attempt at painting with oil colors. I enjoyed working on the painting, but I didn't like how it turned out," Mareike said. Mareike was a German student who enrolled in second semester.



Students found art class challenging, and it took effort to meet the teacher's expectations. "I was working very diligently on my jug so I could meet my deadline. When I finally completed my jug in time and got a good grade, I was very proud of myself," senior Craig Brown said.





Making art wasn't always very easy for everyone, but getting and giving help to classmates kept things moving. "Even though we helped Gary Woolard with his project, it still wasn't that good," sophomore Steven Riley said. Gary kept trying and liked his project after all.

Although students put effort and time into their projects, things didn't go the way they expected all the time. Senior Jason Verser tries to fix his pot before firing it in art class. "My pot came out pretty well, but when it was drying it cracked and I had to start all over," Jason said.



Artwork reflects creativity

Crafts illustrate personal expression, originality

By Lia Farina

Tired of reports, homework, and boring classes? Need a break from listening to long explanations? Then room C-10 was the answer.

Persistence and patience were important in the process of creative art. "I love having a class where you don't need a book or binder. I started out the year in another class but ended up missing art a lot. I always enjoy a project in the beginning, but by the time I've spent two months on it, it's like an annoying little brother," sophomore Ann Stuart Cox said.

Things didn't always turn out the way the students expected, and not giving up was the best way to deal with it. "We did monochromatic paintings last month. I did mine of the little kid on *Jerry Maguire*. I had painted his whole face except his glasses. He looked horrible. The next day, when I painted his glasses, it totally transformed and looked just like the little boy. I liked it after all," junior Tracie VanHeeswyk said.

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> **senior Jason Verser**

Art class was also a special time to let creativity come out, and the results sometimes even surprised the artists. "Art is a good way to express myself and get creative. It is also a good break from regular classes and being relaxed often made my projects turn out better than I thought," senior Jason Verser said.

More than just an elective class, art was a good time to chat with friends and classmates. Art allowed students to relax and get away from their regular classes. Even though art wasn't stress-free and projects didn't always turn out as expected, all the artist had to do was try.

To be considered for AP classes, a student had to fill out an application consisting of essays and teacher recommendations. Between classes, junior Jessie Young obtains forms for AP English and government. "I took AP English and Spanish IV last year, so I knew I could handle the workload of an AP class. I think they'll prepare me for college," Jessie said.





Oral exercises in foreign language classes helped students improve speaking skills. In AP French IV, senior Kathy Fowler speaks into a cassette player, responding in French to a random question. "Talking into French tapes helps me with my pronunciation. I can play back the French and hear my mistakes in grammar and pronunciation so I know what I have to improve," Kathy said. Speaking spontaneously in another language was a skill mastered in an AP foreign language class.

Organization was essential for students in AP classes. To review for an upcoming AP Calculus test, senior Shari Gross places all loose notes and worksheets into her binder. "It is easier for me to study when I have everything right in front of me rather than all over the place," Shari said.



Courses add difficulty

Challenges preview nature of college work

By Craig Gallaer

Gaining college credit while in high school. It sounds like the ads where a celebrity sells correspondence classes to an unknown institution. Students found this idea meant something different.

Advanced placement classes allowed students to enroll in accelerated courses to receive college credit by scoring well on a year-end exam.

Extra weight given to grades in AP classes improved a student's grade-point average, offering an incentive to take such a class. "Although it's harder to get an A, they offer added bonuses for my G.P.A. Also, colleges want to see them on your application," senior Alison Mast said.

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AP classes demanded outside work. "Emphasis is placed on independent study. Teachers cover less in class, so you must read on your own. You do more than repeat facts. You analyze what you learn," senior Tomma Winder said.

Improved writing and time management resulted from an AP class. "AP English 11 taught me about writing clearly and budgeting time for long-range projects. I've stayed up writing papers I'd put off," junior Katie Boyle said.

The chance to earn college credit attracted students. "If you do well on the exam, you get college classes out of the way. Time you spent in high school saves you time later," senior Judd Compton said.

For many reasons, students used the challenge of AP courses to prepare for future education or to ease courseloads in college.





In May, students in AP classes took an exam and received college credit if they got a good score. Following the essay portion of her AP Government exam, senior Amy Sutherland peels the adhesive flap on the test booklet. "I took the test to try and get out of college government, but I don't think I got a high enough score. The essay questions were awful," Amy said. AP exams challenged students, covering every aspect of the course.

An increased homework load resulted from taking an AP course. After being assigned an AP government project on a current controversial issue, senior Suzanne Ayres scans through the library materials in search of information. "Our job is to convince the class that our immigration policies need to be reformed," Suzanne said.

Tools build innovations

Elective offers opportunities to build, repair

By Nathan Holst

Welding tools, saws, and hammers littered the counters of the technical education classrooms.

The goal was to go beyond simply learning from a book. "We try to do things they'll encounter in real life. Instead of just drawing, we also try to build them," tech ed instructor Mr. Ed Spain said.

Students found this teaching method beneficial. "The knowledge in the areas of electricity and electric current will be useful because that's what I'll be pursuing in college," senior Marc McGarry said.

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Tech ed students also built several things during the year. "I've already built a cast iron paperweight and mousetrap racecar," senior Tim Mattson said.

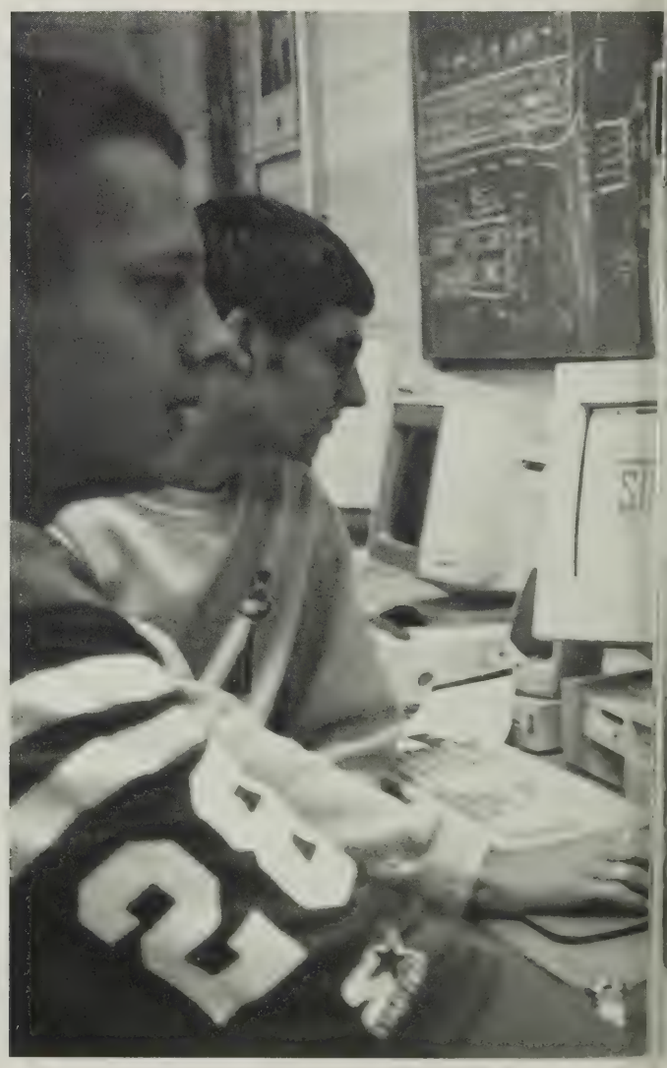
The mousetrap racecar project was the most anticipated event, not only for students, but teachers as well. "With this project, I try to teach them to make their own decisions in terms of mechanics and planning. When making their car, they must decide whether they are looking for speed, distance, or appearance, and how to balance all three into its design," tech ed instructor Mr. Torbjorn Ommundsen said.

By the project's end, many students felt that they gained something from the racecar lesson. "I learned that balance in your car's design is important, because if you focus just on one aspect of your car, the other parts will not perform as well," sophomore Chris Brown said.

Through the year, tech ed students gained experiences. These experiences proved useful in everyday life during their many fun and interesting projects.



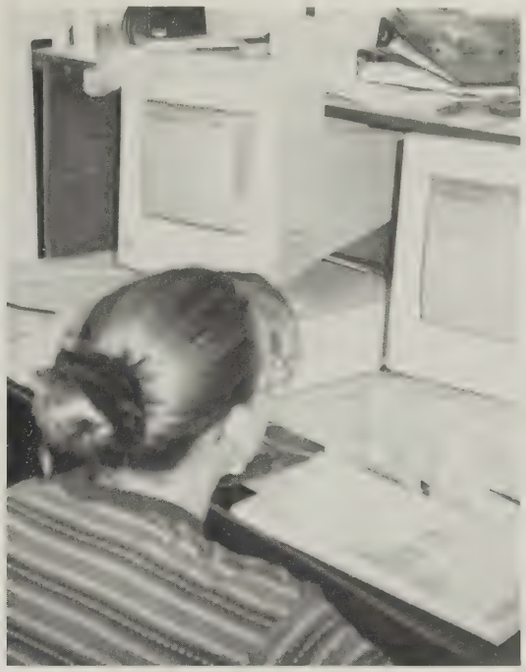
Projects in tech ed were not only challenging, but also competitive among students. Sophomores Steve Cox, Mike Healey, David Withrow, Nick Scott, and Justin Holloway prepare to race their mousetrap race cars. "Coming up with an idea for the car and racing it was fun. I did not build my car very well, so I didn't expect to win," Nick said. Winning students received an extra test grade.



In addition to building objects, students were prepared to run a business. Seniors Josh Kovar and Eric Stinson work on a company logo. "Having the chance to design my own logo allowed me to personalize this project with a hands-on approach," Eric said. Projects that had been personalized gained added signifigance for students.



Fine tuning projects was not uncommon for tech ed students. During class, junior Amanda Moore fixes her egg drop machine. "I won the Most Creative award. The judges were impressed with my design, but because it weighed more than the others I didn't win first place," Amanda said. Even when students didn't win, they were still satisfied with their efforts.



Tech ed students examined the possible career choices that utilized the skills they learned in the classroom. Using a computer, senior Lindsey King puts the finishing touches on an architecture layout. "The floor plan was difficult to make because all the lines had to be straight and connect perfectly," Lindsey said. Students gained an understanding of the many jobs available to them through this exercise.

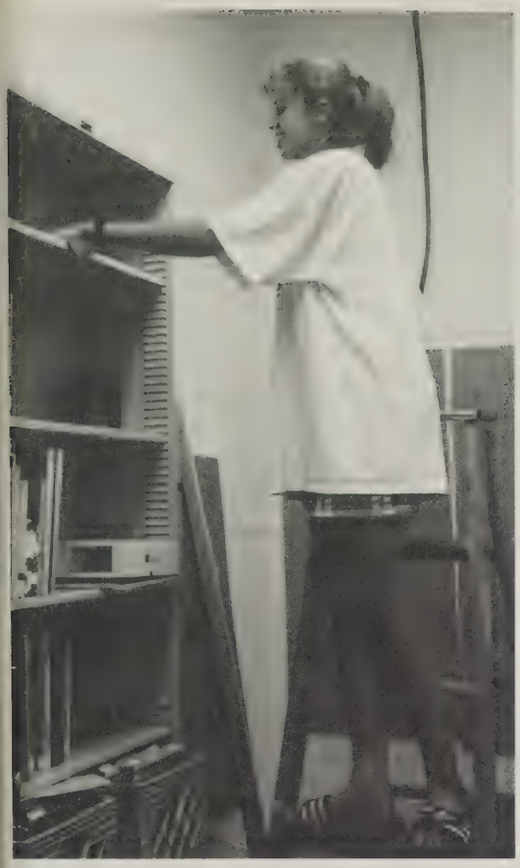
Part of the curriculum in tech ed was examining everyday machines. Mr. Ommundsen's first hour class examines a car. "Looking at that '51 Chevy, I could tell how much time and effort went into restoring it," sophomore George Firman said. Examining the different parts of the car allowed students to better understand concepts in the classroom.



AT A KEY CLUB MEETING, JUNIOR BRYAN MCDANIELS TRIES TO GUESS THE NUMBER OF M&M'S IN A JAR. GAMES SUCH AS CANDY COUNTS AND OTHER EVENTS WERE INTRODUCED INTO MEETINGS STARTING IN THE FALL. THE FIRST SEVERAL MEETINGS WERE HELD IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL SO THAT THEY WOULDN'T INTERFERE WITH THE CONSTRUCTION. "THE SEATS AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL WERE REALLY SMALL BECAUSE THEY'RE MADE FOR LITTLE KIDS, AND IT WAS HARD FITTING INTO THEM. KEY CLUB IS PRETTY COOL, THOUGH, AND IT LOOKS GOOD ON A COLLEGE APPLICATION," BRYAN SAID.

IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM IN THE BACK OF THE LIBRARY, SENIOR ALISON MAST WIPES DOWN A SHELF. ALISON WAS ONE OF THE NHS MEMBERS WHO HELPED LIBRARIAN MRS. MARY STALLINGS PREPARE FOR THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. "THE LIBRARY WAS COVERED IN RUBBLE, DIRT, DUST, AND PIECES OF ROOFING. THE DIRT WAS ESPECIALLY BAD ON THE BOOKSHELVES. WE HAD TO CLEAN THEM BEFORE ANY OF THE BOOKS COULD BE UNBOXED AND PUT BACK ON THE SHELVES. I ALSO HELPED WITH SHELVING THE BOOKS ONCE WE HAD CLEANED EVERYTHING UP," ALISON SAID.





Working Overtime

NHS, band deal with results of construction, construction-in-progress

–By Nicole Feldl

Clubs--Extracurricular or co-curricular organizations. The key word was curricular. The clubs were a part of the school, the school was the basis for the construction. Thus, the clubs were also largely effected by the construction.

When the school was in shambles during the summer, clubs helped fix up the building so it would be ready for the first day of school. *"I vacuumed the bookshelves, and I got dust all over myself! I'm short and so I couldn't reach the top shelves. I couldn't believe how dirty the library was. The books were full of grit and dirt,"* ***senior Miranda Wichelns said. Miranda worked along with other members of the National Honor Society to clean up the school before students were admitted. Once school began, SCA also helped out in the library by shelving books that had been packed away in boxes for the summer.***

Some of the performance-related clubs were not always positively influenced by the construction. The band was one such group. *"The construction made band camp really tough. A lot of our practice field was taken, so we had to partially practice on the track. One cool thing, though, was that all the construction workers made a good audience. They would applaud us after we finished a song,"* ***sophomore Amy Fairchild said.***

Clubs, whether enhanced by the construction, impaired by the construction, or simply trying to control the troubles created by the construction, understood the meaning of WORKING OVERTIME.



HOLDING AN EXAMPLE, ENGLISH TEACHER MRS. LINDA DUBOSE INSTRUCTS SENIOR MICHELLE HARRELL ON CUTTING LETTERS. BEFORE SCHOOL STARTED, MICHELLE HELPED CLEAN THE LIBRARY AND THEN CREATED SEVERAL BULLETIN BOARDS. "SINCE THE SCHOOL WAS IN SUCH A MESS BECAUSE OF THE CONSTRUCTION, CLUBS VOLUNTEERED TO HELP GET EVERYTHING BACK IN ORDER AND READY FOR THE BEGINNING OF SCHOOL," MICHELLE SAID.



SCA Officers. Front: Lorri Singleton, Ashleigh Schuller. **Back:** Christa Stutt, Dave Shannon, Nina Richardson.



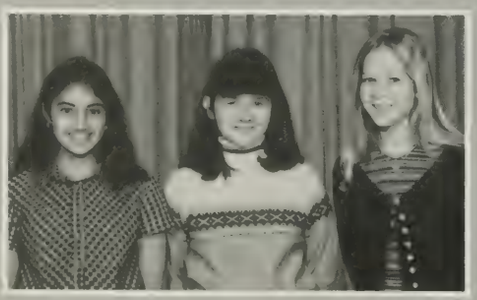
Senior Officers. Jimmy Royster, Beth Ann Thomas, Chris Fortier, Graig Gallaer.



Junior Class Officers. Jennifer Chung, Derek Juang, Amber Normandin.



Sophomore Class Officers. Julia Goldman, Jason Freeman, Ann Stuart Cox.



Freshman Class Officers. Mythili Rao, Amber Freeman, Lindsay Bryant.

Student Council Association teaches organizational skills, responsibility to leaders of school

Leading Students

By Michelle Marshall

Ever wondered who those people were who were in charge of the dances? Who were the people who helped newcomers and seemed nice to everyone? Those leaders were the SCA.

The SCA had many projects and held dances. "My favorite project was decorating for the Valentine's Dance. We made the heart balloon decoration. At first all the lights worked. Then after we attached 144 red balloons to the lights, we plugged it in and they didn't light up. It was unlit during the whole dance. After everyone left, I went and leaned on it and of course it lit up," junior Tracie VanHeeswyk said.

Leadership skills were learned in SCA. "SCA has taught me that enthusiasm is needed to make projects successful. Students support events that are well-advertised and provide something in demand," sophomore Julia Goldman said.

Members thought that the leadership skills would come in handy in the future. "Organization and responsibility have already begun to help me in my life. In SCA, I am put in charge of things and am responsible for things. Responsibility and organization are important in my future," junior Kristi Sutton said.

Watching others sometimes helped demonstrate leadership qualities to others. "Watching Christa Stutt at meetings has showed me a lot of how to be a good leader. Just observing her has helped me lead other events," sophomore Steven Purdy said.

There were many skills and qualities learned in SCA. Being a part of this organization seemed to teach students skills that helped them later in life.



One of the activities of the SCA was to welcome Tabb members. The students from Tabb walked through the school day to see how the schools differed. "I thought it was an interesting experience. I'm just glad we don't have trailers," senior Dave Shannon said. Dave stands with some of the Tabb members.



The SCA hosted the annual Valentine Dance. As well as SCA member other students helped too. "Eve though I'm not in SCA, the SCA neede help, so I helped them get ready for th dance. They were really nice to let m help. It was a good experience freshman Jillian Snow said. Juni Meghan Steele helps Snow set up f the festivitie



Having parties for all of their hard work was something that SCA members and nonmembers enjoyed. "I was at the SCA Christmas party and Scott Howell came up to me and wanted some food. Since he's not in SCA, I snuck him some cookies," sophomore Sally Beazlie said. Afterwards, Sally and others socialized.



Before they began opening presents, SCA members had to know the agenda. Senior Christa Stutt explains the day's events to other members. As president, it was her job to preside over everything the SCA did. "We all decided to have a gift exchange right before the Christmas break. Everyone seemed to have a lot of fun and there were some really crazy gifts," Christa said.



Senior Representatives. Front: Rebecca Turbish, Karen Basnett, Blair Hardaway, Sarah Dewey. **Back:** Beth Ann Thomas, Sam Cowles, Pedro Garcia, Vicki Firth.



Junior Representatives. Front: Ashley Brownley, Natalie Stallings, Shannon Nobile, Meghan Steele. **Back:** Aaron Gaul, Paul Keddell, Kristi Sutton, Tracie VanHeeswick.



Sophomore Representatives. Front: Jamie Gatz, John Pauls, J.B. Richardson. **Back:** David Stutt, Steven Purdy, Will Powell.



Freshman Representatives. Front: Jessamine Newer, John Wilkinson, Brian Andriliunas. **Back:** Candice Goodson, Catherine Schuller, Holly McDaniel, Alise Svihla.



Soundsation. Front: Tara Starner, Jennifer Holland, Sarah Dewey. **2nd:** Jennifer Stallings, Suzanne Ayers, Kelly Insley, Amy Richardson, Elizibeth Render. **3rd:** Christopher Hall, Charlotte Teague, Danielle Kukich, Taylor Morgan, Jason Barnette. **Last:** Scott Howell, Jordan Johnson, Daniel McAdams, Jeremy Rogers.



Garnet and Gold. Front: Lorri Singleton, Shelly Pennow, Jenny Conway, Michelle Harrell, Katie Sanderson. **2nd:** Erin Smith, Katie Shandor, Amy Richardson, Tara Starner, Jackie Wingfield, Kelly Parmentor. **3rd:** Katie Martin, Susanna Sanderson, Monica Stinson, Kelly Insley, Ashley Lamberton, Lara Brown, Sarah Powers. **Last:** Katherine Boddy, Kimberly Watkins, Charlotte Teague, Nicole Morehouse, Amy Dorente.



Acappella. Front: Johanna Sinapius, Raychel Evans, Megan Mabe, Jennifer Mains, Brittany Kelly, Amanda Swilley. **2nd:** Katie Rogers, Kristen White, Teresa Betts, Stephanie Speigner, Renee Booth, Traci Hazen. **3rd:** Mareika Sinapius, Matt Insley, Casey Carr, Dan Verlander, Donnie Smith, Elizabeth Powell. **Last:** Marni Luthie, Rebecca Lawson, Kyan Mulligan, Eric Smith, Shayne Zasmowich, John Dewey, Ashley Carter, Bonnie Cannon.

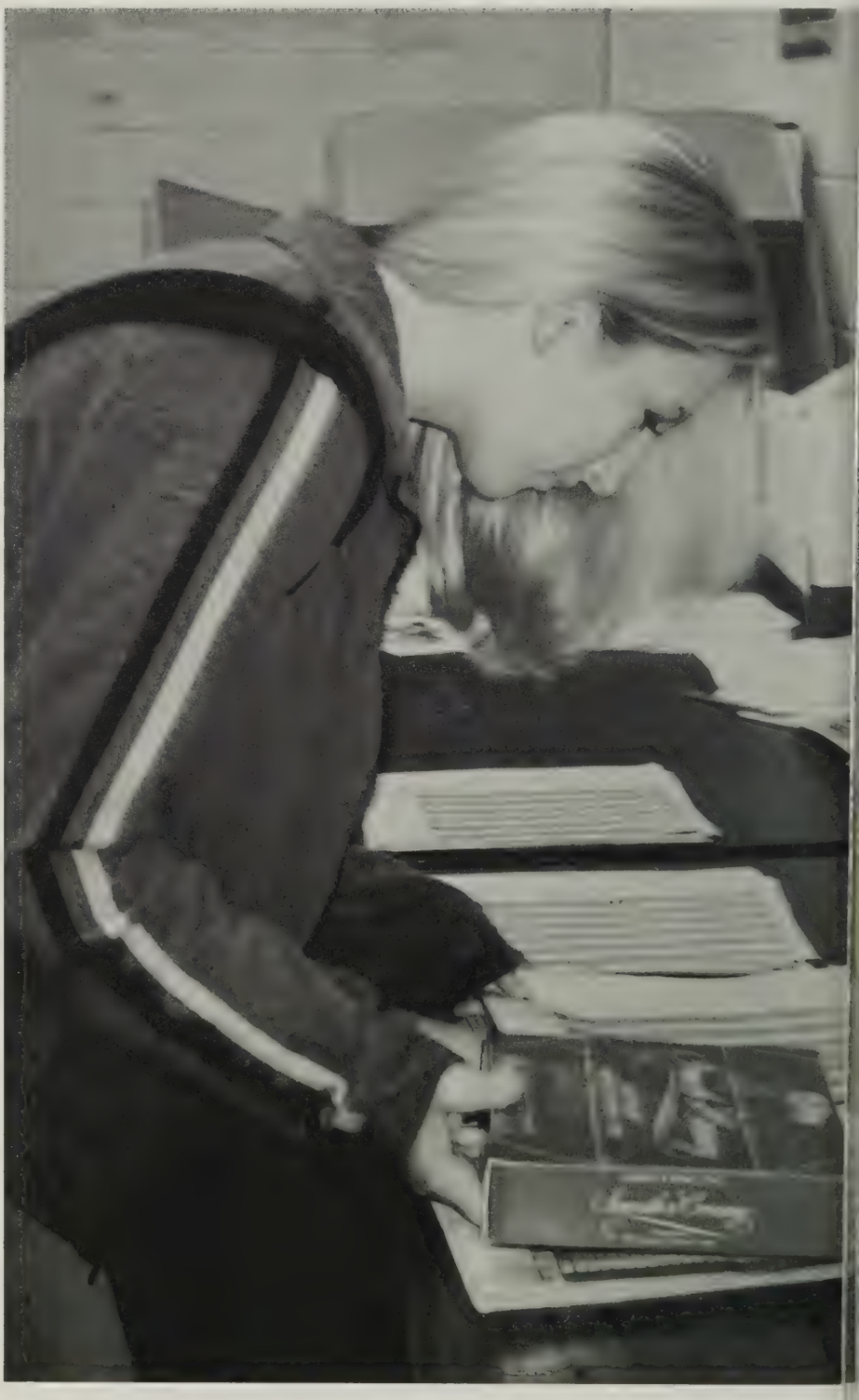


Lower Symphonic Woodwinds. Front: Darren McGarry, Aaron Bird, Chris McClendon, Thomas Jones, Steven Longstreet. **2nd:** Gary Jack, Andy Sweat, April Castle, Matt Britt, Ricky Sledd. **3rd:** Mark Shelton, Amy Fairchild, Sam Cowles, Erik Stinson, Cody Spencer.



During band class, juniors Matthew Britt and Lara Brown load boxes of cookies for the rest of the students to deliver. "It is a pretty easy job. We all have a great time when the band gets to work together, so it is pretty hard to stay on task. Loading up cookies and handing them out is not much fun, but with the band members we make it fun," Lara said.

While in Soundsation chorus class, sophomore Jackie Wingfield takes advantage of a little break to separate her orders by last names. "I enjoy working with all the fundraisers because it supports the chorus and it's always for a good cause," Jackie said.



Fundraisers bring hard work, lots of money for anxious chorus, band students going on spring trips

Earning Money

By Lia Farina

Cheesecakes, fruit, wrapping paper, yogurt, pizza... All of these were part of the items students involved band or chorus had to sell for their ndraisers for spring trips.

Trips during spring break of school were big tradition and most of the students oked forward to them every year. "This is y first year in high school, so I have never een on a spring trip before. It has been a pic of conversation since I started band ere in August, so you can imagine that we ave big plans for those three days," eshman Whitney Gallagher said.

Students who were involved in both band nd chorus had to make the decision of hich group to go with. "It wasn't too hard choose between the band and chorus ring trips. A lot of my friends are band. Plus it was cheaper and there was less supervision," senior Danielle Kukich said.

To make the trip less expensive, students had to give a little bit of their effort and time. "We come to school at 7:30 in the morning one Saturday a month and haul fruit around all day, but a condo with your friends in Myrtle Beach is absolutely worth it," junior Terri Parrish said.

Parents were a big help with the fundraisers. "My mom always buys things from fundraisers and I think it is a good idea that she supports the band and chorus. Even though I'm not involved, anything that benefits the school is outstanding," senior Ryan Hunter said.

Spring trips were always a good opportunity to visit different places, spend time with friends, and show a little bit of what the group had done.



order to remind parents and let em know about their fruit selling, udents in band spend time writing rds or letters to send to them. While waiting for the fruit truck to me, I wrote a couple postcards to stomers, reminding them to pick up eir fruit," senior Chris Fortier said.



Going back to chorus class after school, senior Tara Starner checks packages she received from the company. "For four years I have been one of the top sellers for the cheesecake fundraisers, so I'm always after school trying to get my orders straight," Tara said.



Jazz Band. Front: Chris Miller, Michael DuBose, Shari Gross, Jamie Maxwell, Christopher Lockwood-Hohensee. **2nd:** Kelly Longstreet, Terri Parrish, Judd Compton, Steven Feigh, Patrick Piercefield, Jeff Norris. **3rd:** Danielle Kukich, Randall Lawson, Josh Simon, Gary Jack, Matthew Britt. **Back:** Amy Fairchild, Patrick Johnson, Jeff Norris, Jarrett Yehlen, Kevin Mathis, Rebecca Lawson.



Symphonic Brass and Percussion. Front: Lara Brown, Mike Firth, Kelly Longstreet, Alison Quenville, Eric Jack, Joey Zorillo. **2nd:** Chris Lockwood-Hohensee, Eric Rose, Jonathan Miller, Dave Mattson, Adam Stout, Dan Martinez, Daniel Corneliussen. **3rd:** J.D. Falls, Ben Miller, Eric Smith, Matthew Marlow, Jarrett Yehlen , Ryan Ferry, Paul Dixon, Matt Shepherd.



Symphonic Woodwinds. Front: Catherine Clevenger, Melissa Fishman, Erin Jenkins, Alison Kehoe, Michelle Marshall, Jillian Lorenz. **2nd:** Mary Montalvo, Mandie Kern, Tara Goltry, Jennifer Bookwalter, Erin Smith, Diana Benner. **3rd:** Amber Carr, Mandy Camblin, Ryan Lawson, Jillian Snow, Kristen Wood, Whitney Gallagher, Christine Topping. **Back:** James Rosensteel, Daniel Seiter, Brett Watts, Casey Carr, John Dewey, Katie Kern.



OM. Front: Eden Feighnson, James Krakowski, Liza Davis. **2nd:** Chris French, Catherine Schuller, Britney Compton. **Back:** Keith Silcox, Kyan Mulligan, Cheyene Potraflea, Shaunak Deepak, Brittany Carlson.



Debate. Front: Liza Davis, Chris Young, Mina Tabibi. **Back:** Shaunak Deepak, Mark Rosenow, Judd Compton.



Forensics. Front: Allison Kehoe, Mythili Rao, Cathy Fowler, Ashleigh Schuller, Sarah Dewey. **2nd:** Jennifer Chung, Curie Choi, Raychel Evans, Jama Tysarczyk, Patrick Piercefield. **3rd:** Brian Jordan, Megan Larsen, Chris Young, Jackie Ernzen. **Back:** Craig Gallaer, Chris Fortier, Jennifer Kennedy, Mark Rosenow, Judd Compton.



VHSL Forensics. Front: Allison Kehoe, Kathy Fowler, Ashleigh Schuller. **2nd:** Mythili Rao, Jennifer Chung, Curie Choi, Patrick Piercefield. **3rd:** Raychel Evans, Mark Rosenow, Chris Young. **Back:** Brian Jordan, Chris Fortier, Judd Compton.



Sitting in the commons, sophomore Liza Davis and junior Britney Compton chat. "Liza and I were discussing an Odyssey of the Mind meeting we had," Britney said. It was normal to see various club members talking about meets they had competed at.

Getting ready for the day trip to the state championships, junior Mark Rosenow and Curie Choi kid with each other while waiting for the bus. "Before a forensics meet, it's alright to joke around, but when it's time to compete we have to start focusing on our pieces," Curie said.



On her way to a state-wide forensics meet, junior Jennifer Chung boards her bus. "There were only five students on the bus, so we had lots of fun talking, practicing, dancing, and singing," Jennifer said. The fun they had helped loosen them up to be their best at the meet.



Presenting a clean forensics paper was important so no mistakes were made in the speech. "Sometimes Xerox copies of pieces are hard to read, so I type them. It is also very intimidating for other forensics competitors," senior Judd Compton said. Judd does his final touch- ups before a district meet.



Competitions bring strong friendships, confidence to problem solvers, speakers

Competing Minds

By Matt Fox

And the first place award goes to...Poquoson High School!

These words were often heard at competitions that Odyssey of the Mind, forensics, and debate participated in throughout the year.

Undoubtedly, teamwork took on a role in these organizations. "The best thing about Odyssey of the Mind was that you got to learn a lot about teamwork. You also got to meet a lot of new people. Mostly I enjoyed it because it was a great chance to put my mind to work, and it really showed how well we did in the end," junior Britney Compton said.

These organizations were well respected and participating in them seemed to give a certain pride and self confidence. "Debate was a great extra-curricular activity to be in because it gave me a lot of new confidence and helped me not to be afraid to speak my mind. It also gave me the skills to communicate in a logical and well organized way," sophomore Liza Davis said.

While communicating with others was important, expressing ideas seemed to be just as important. Competing in forensics was a lot of hard work, and winning wasn't everything. "Forensics was about expressing the ideas of others. It was similar to drama except that it was usually done in competition and was a solo performance or possibly a duo. I really enjoyed it because I got to meet a lot of cool people that were really nice and it was awesome to have made a connection with the audience," senior Judd Compton said.

Competitions were a fun away to meet new people and to express ideas. They helped members develop important skills.



Wind Ensemble. Front: Erin Smith, Christine Meadors, Kristina Moore, Caroline Meadors, Jessamine Newer, Mike Firth, April Klaassen, Kimberly Garris. **2nd:** Jackie Ernzen, Jessie Young, Amanda Swilley, Debbie Wong, Amanda Johnson, Courtney Judd, Sandy Quinn, Mike DuBose, Britney Compton, Shari Gross. **3rd:** Leslie Jones, Chris Miller, Josh Simon, Rachel McGraw, Judd Compton, Andrew Staton, Steve Feigh, Jamie Maxwell, Patrick Piercefield, Jeff Norris, Marc McGarry. **Back:** Danielle Kukich, Terri Parrish, Randall Lawson, Casey Carr, Chris Fortier, Jeff Parrish, Jarrett Yehlen, Brett Dorence, Kevin Mathis, Rebecca Lawson, Craig Gallaer.



Flags. Front: Jackie Wingfield, Allison Kehoe, Lindsay Lane. **2nd:** Stacey Piercefield, Tara Goltry, Melanie Buckley. **Back:** Mary Sorrells, Jackie Ernzen, Jennifer Bookwalter, Jessie Young, Leanne Birdsall.



Majorettes. Diana Benner, Amber Carr, Britney Compton, Kimberly Garris.



Drum Majors. Danielle Kukich, Jarrett Yehlen.



Key Club 12. Front: Christie Heimbruch, Kathi Carter, Mary Beth Evans, Allison Mast, Courtney Judd, Ashleigh Schuller. **2nd:** Jennifer Mabe, Karen Basnett, Kevin McClellen, Blair Hardaway, Jimmy Royster. **Back:** Shari Gross, Crystal Thrasher, Jarrett Yehlen, Patrick Johnson, Nina Richardson.



Key Club 11. Front: Suchi Vatsa, Jennifer Zaremba, Katie Boyle, Justin Williams, Derek Juang, Ashley Brownley, Alison Quenville. **2nd:** Yoshika Azuma, Jennifer Chung, Ruth Ann Hultman, Krista Donaldson, Carolynn Roncaglia, Erica Kohr, Mandie Kern. **3rd:** Kelly Longstreet, Nicole Hicks, Kimberly Garris, Mark Rosenow, Jessie Young, Matt Shepherd, Amber Normandin, Daniel Wong. **Back:** Matt Britt, Aaron Gaul, Al Tardif, Chris Watson, Paul Keddell, Bryan McDaniels, Jennifer Lippincott, Chris Harris, Paul Gilbert.



Key Club Underclass. Front: Krystal Lambert, Crystal Hopson, Kristina Moore, Melissa Fishman, Mythili Rao, Eden Fenigsohn , Amanda Johnson. **2nd:** Erin Smith, Laura Chapman, Jamie Gatz, Catherine Schuller, Alexis Pappas, Deborah Wong, Justin Finch. **3rd:** Jenny Martin, Tyler St. Clair, Amber Costello, Kelly Semeyn, Amanda Zohn, Casie McDaniel, Brittany Carlson, Ricky Sledd. **Back:** Andy Sweat, Bryan McDaniels, Al Tardif, Shaunak Deepak, Johnny Morgan, Matthew Fortner, Steven Purdy, Amy Fairchild, Beth Emmert.

Students donate precious time, pints of blood to others in need of help, services

Giving Blood

By Jennifer Mabe

Where can you relax in a chair, drink soda, eat cookies, and get fanned? The Key Club blood drive, of course. The catch is, you have to get stuck by a needle, give a pint of blood, and possibly faint.

Key Club sponsored the annual Red Cross blood drive in early March. Students who were at least 17 years old and weighed over 110 pounds were eligible to donate blood.

Key Club members helped out at the blood drive. "Since I am president, I was there to make sure everything went OK. I mainly made sure that the students had their permission slip and photo identification. If they didn't have their permission slip, then they couldn't give blood," Key Club president Blair Hardaway said.

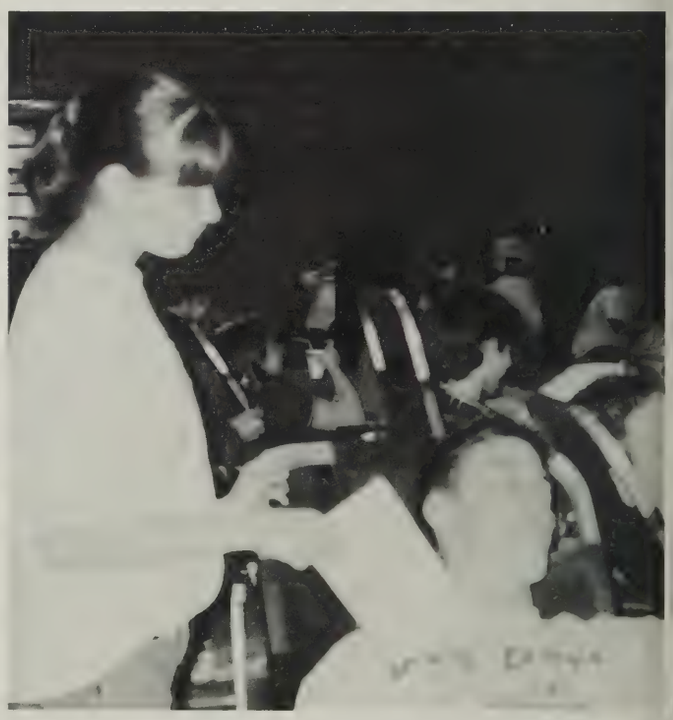
Sometimes, the Red Cross workers could not get any blood. "The lady stuck me with the needle four times and couldn't get any blood. She had to stop. I was mad that I couldn't give any blood. My arm was sore for a couple of days," senior Rachel McGraw said.

Students who had worked the blood drive the year before wanted to donate blood. "I had worked at the blood drive before and I had seen people faint, turn yellow, and cry. But I still wanted to give blood. Although I was scared, everything turned out fine," senior Alison Mast said.

The blood drive gave everyone a chance to donate in some way. "Mrs. Rich and I were very pleased with the students' behavior and seriousness at the blood drive. 80 pints were donated and 67 people were new donors," Key Club sponsor Mrs. Nancy Rowley said.



After donating blood, senior Chris Young raises his arm and applies pressure to it. "I chose to give blood because I knew that the blood bank needs whatever it can get and giving blood caused me no harm. I was a bit nervous about the harpoon-sized needle, but it was OK, " Chris said.



After giving blood, senior Patrick Johnson is fanned by junior Kim Garris. "Patrick's arm started to swell and a bruise began to form. He started to feel dizzy so I fanned him to make him feel better," Kim said. Students who donated blood often felt faint afterwards.



Before having his blood taken, junior Donnie Stokes has his ear pricked by a Red Cross worker. "Having my ear pricked and giving blood didn't bother me. This is my second time giving blood. I do it because I can help people this way," Donnie said. Students had blood drawn from their ears before they gave blood to check the iron level in their blood.



As she gives blood, junior Mandie Kern takes a sip of a drink junior Al Tardif holds for her. "I was nervous and Al wanted to make me feel better. He got me cookies and orange juice and fanned me," Mandie said. Students who felt light-headed from donating blood were given juice and cookies for nourishment.



Special Friends School Day. Front: Jimmy Royster, Kristi Geppert, Tammi Perok, Stacy Davenport, Sandy Shandor, Michelle Harrell. **2nd:** Danielle Kukich, Nicole Morehouse, Nathan Holst, April Weaver, Karen Basnett, Nina Richardson. **Back:** Matt Gengnagel, Chad Shelton, Pete Anderson, Trevor Alsbrooks, Marc Bethel, Jason Verser, Robby Ankeney.



Special Friends After School. Front: Amber Freeman, Tiffany Buchholtz, Katie Creecy, Nicki Chorik, Kellee Parmenter, Mike Firth, Jenny Conway, Erin Smith, Michelle Marshall, Casie Conner, Ashley Brownley. **2nd:** Cori Evans, Mandi Starner, Heather Wylie, Whitney Allen, Josie Russo, Jenny Martin, Susanne Sanderson, Allison Gooding, Christina Moore, Britany Compton. **3rd:** Tracy VanHeeswyk, Alexis Pappas, Nishaat Ismail, Amanda Mahanes, Anna Russo, Theresa Davis, Kelli Forrest, Brittney Kelly, Stephanie Speigner, Katherine Boddy, Jackie Ernzen, Rebecca Lawson. **Back:** Kimberly Garris, Jenny Stallings, Kristi Sutton, Alice Svihla, Larissa Montalvo, Allyson Smith, Mary Sorrells, Arinn Johnson, Jenny Lippincott, Kathleen Kreiger, Blair Hardaway, Mina Tabibi, Yoshika Azuma.



SADD. Front: Kristen Durham, Jimmy Royster, Kathleen Kreiger, Amanda Mahanes, Jennifer Mabe, Cori Evans, Amber Freeman, Amber Carr, Jennifer Bookwalter. **2nd:** Erica Kohr, Christa Stutt, Alexis Ross, Carolynn Roncaglia, Ashleigh Schuller, Jenny Stallings, Theresa Betts, Suchi Vatsa, Alison Quenville. **Back:** Michael Brooks, Brian Jordan, Chris Crawford, Chris Watson, Jarrett Yehlen, Dave Shannon, Nina Richardson, John Hardin, Chris Swain, Caroline Todd.



Yearbook. Front: Page Bishop, Mary Beth Evans, Meghan Steele, Michelle Marshall, Rebecca Turbish. **2nd:** April Klaassen, Beth Ann Thomas, Tammi Perok, Jennifer Mabe, Kathleen Kreiger, Jama Tysarczyk, Ruth Ann Hultman, Vicki Firth, Nicole Feldl, John Chapman. **Back:** Matthew Fox, Arinn Johnson, Nathan Holst, Craig Gallear, Tommy Morgan.



Newspaper. Front: Chris Young, Sara Johnson, Alexis Ross, Alison Mast, Ahsleigh Schuller, Whitney Allen. **2nd:** Ryan Hunter, Stephanie Skinner, Crystal Thrasher, Krista Donaldson, Kevin McClellan, Blair Hardaway. **3rd:** Patrick Johnson, Chris Robbins, John Hardin, Jerrod Hurr, Jimmy Royster, Christa Stutt. **Back:** Brad Elsass, Cody Spencer, Dave Shannon, Brett Watts, Pedro Garcia, Tim Mattson.



Quill and Scroll. Front: Erica Kohr, Mary Beth Evans, Ashleigh Schuller, Meghan Steele. **2nd:** Beth Ann Thomas, Crystal Thrasher, Jennifer Mabe, Christa Stutt, Rebecca Turbish. **Back:** Jamie LaRue, Nathan Holst, Matthew Britt, Craig Gallaer, Nicole Feldl.



Delta Epsilon Phi. Front: April Klaassen, Jennifer Mabe, Ashleigh Schuller. **2nd:** Ms. Helen Small (sponsor), Jennifer Bookwalter, Rebecca Turbish, Teresa Betts. **Back:** Kimberly Garris, Rachel Ricklefs, Stephanie Skinner.



After school, senior Alexis Ross plans a layout for newspaper. "Newspaper is a lot of fun, but it also takes a lot of time and commitment. I've spent days and late nights after school during deadline week," Alexis said. Newspaper staff members had to be willing to work outside of classroom hours to finish by the deadline. The newspaper was published six times a year and had from 20 to 24 pages.

During yearbook class, junior Meghan Steele crops a picture for a sports spread. "Cropping is my least favorite part of yearbook. I can never get the measurements right and end up having to do it over again. It comes in handy being sports editor because I can just make my section crop everything," Meghan said. The process of cropping was essential.



Deadlines create frustration, excitement for stressed newspaper, yearbook staff members

Rushing Work

By April Klaassen

The Greek poet Hesiod once said, "Timing is in all things the most important factor."

For students on the yearbook and newspaper staffs, timing was indeed the most important factor in finishing their final masterpiece by the given deadline. If their timing was wrong, they risked missing the deadline.

"The biggest repercussion that missing a deadline could produce is that the paper doesn't go out. That would greatly disappoint the newspaper-dependent students in our school," junior John Hardin said.

Deadline week was the time when everything came together for staff members. "Deadline week is really like putting together a puzzle. You have all your articles, graphics, and pictures in hand and it's just a matter of placing these pieces on the layout sheets in an appealing manner," senior Ashleigh Schuller said.

Staff members found it to be challenging to make the deadline. "Right before the deadline things are really hectic. We have to stay after school and come in at night to get everything done in time," junior Ruth Ann Hultman said.

After the deadline, staff members were ready to relax. "After making a deadline, I'm ready to have a party. We always celebrate the end of a deadline by throwing huge parties where everybody has to bring food. It's one of the best traditions the yearbook staff has," editor-in chief senior Nicole Feldl said.

For yearbook and newspaper staff members, making the deadline was time consuming and stressful. However, it was worth it because it was fun and rewarding.



Concentrating on his work, senior Craig Gallaer writes a piece of copy for the yearbook during class. "The hardest part of writing copy for me is asking people for quotes. I get pretty nervous just asking people for questions, but once I get all the quotes I need, putting them into the article is not a problem," Craig said.



Looking at her newspaper spread, junior Stephanie Skinner contemplates on where to place a piece of copy. "Even though deadline week is stressful, it's also fun. The staff spends hours at the school every night of deadline week and while we work, we also get to know each other better," Stephanie said.



NHS. Front: Michelle Harrell, Rebecca Turbish, Crystal Thrasher, Mary Beth Evans, Jennifer Mabe, Ashleigh Schuller, Cathy Fowler. **2nd:** Shari Gross, Nicole Feldl, Sara Johnson, Courtney Judd, Michael DuBose, Sarah Dewey, Beth Ann Thomas. **3rd:** Ryan Hunter, Alexis Ross, Christa Stutt, Ashley Lamberton, Tomma Winder, Judd Compton, Victoria Harper. **Back:** Nathan Holst, Jeff Norris, Craig Gallaer, Dave Shannon, Chris Fortier, Amanda Wynn, Tim Mattson, Chad Shelton, Matt Williams.



Drama. Front: Melanie Buckley, Jennifer Zaremba, Allison Kehoe, Sarah Dewey, Catherine Schuller. **2nd:** April Klaassen, Chris Miller, Kristen White, Lorri Singleton, Karl Gonzalez, Cathy Fowler, Diana Fithian, Liz Render. **3rd:** Jackie Ernzen, Sarah Tompson, Jama Tysarczyk, Maureen Sontos, Chris Render, Michael DuBose, Meredith Cassell, Danielle Kukich. **Back:** Paul Keddell, Patrick Piercefield, Josh Simon, Cody Spencer, Paul Gilbert, Craig Gallaer, Chris Young.



Thespians. Front: Melanie Buckley, Jennifer Zaremba, Lorri Singleton, Allison Kehoe, Kathy Fowler. **2nd:** Maureen Sontos, Karl Gonzalez, Ashleigh Schuller, Sarah Dewey. **Back:** Chris Miller, Paul Gilbert, Craig Gallaer, Chris Young, Mike DuBose.



Athletic Trainers. Front: Allyson Smith, Sandy Quinn, Rachel Ricklefs. **2nd:** Kathleen Lorigan, Danielle Backus, Kevin Mathis.



FCA Officers. **Front:** Chris French, Tracie VanHeeswyk, Lindsey Gallaer. **Back:** Emile Cochet, David Mattson, Tim Mattson, Patrick Johnson.



Sci-Fi. **Front:** Ms. Helen Small (sponsor), Chris McClendon, Cathy Fowler, Suzanne Ayres, Jama Tysarczyk, Sarah Dewey. **2nd:** Brian Jordan, Jamie Maxwell, Pat Piercefield, Chris Hall, Tyler St. Clair. **Back:** Jason Harkerlod, Jeremy Spring, Wade Spring, Vincent Figuenick, Patrick Rolt, Christopher Lockwood-Hohensee, Billy Howland.



Chess Club. **Front:** Ellen Ayres, Cathy Fowler, Chris McClendon. **2nd:** Brian Jordan, Cheyene Potrafka, Jama Tysarczyk, Suzanne Ayres, Billy Howland. **Back:** Shaunak Deepak, Chris Spring, Vince Figuenick, Jeremy Spring, Daniel Seiter.



International Club. **Front:** Ms. Helen Small (sponsor), Chris McClendon, Cathy Fowler, Ashleigh Schuller, Sarah Dewey. **2nd:** Larrissa Montalvo, Theresa Betts, Suchi Vatsa, Jennifer Bookwalter, Jama Tysarczyk, Catherine Schuller. **Back:** Britney Compton, Britney Carlson, Shaunak Deepak, Kyan Mulligan, Chris Fortier, Ruth Ann Hultman.



The chess club met every Friday to compete for the number one position. Sophomore Eric Rose looks on as junior Brian Jordan and freshman Cheyne Potrafka play. "I was really bored, and had always disliked chess. Through watching before track practice, I began to gain respect for chess players. Even though they're not athletes, they put energy into the game using their brains," Eric said.

Members of the International Club, which met weekly, learned about many different cultures. "As International Club treasurer, I usually take up money, draw maps, make little creations, and tell everyone what I know about the country," senior Chris Fortier said. Chris and junior Jennifer Bookwalter make Russian dolls out of paper as one of their projects.



At another fun evening at FCA, students had a chance to test their balance. Juniors Jesse Dunlap, Nicole Hicks, and sophomores Jenny Shores and Steven Purdy compete against each other in a contest. "It was so exciting, we had to try to stay on our partner's back while chicken fighting with the other team. Sadly, my partner and I didn't win," Jenny said.



One of the weekly events at FCA was playing a funny game. Senior Jenny Stallings and sophomore Garland Moore team up to try to beat the other contestants in an egg contest. "We had to crack the egg on the other person's head. Garland and I did really well. We never got our egg cracked," Jenny said.



Activities bring hours of involvement, good times to students looking for fun

Playing Games

By Michelle Marshall

Chess, pie eating contests, and computer games.

School wasn't always boring. Some clubs gave students the opportunity to socialize with friends and enjoy themselves. Although most clubs were geared towards learning and academics, there were a few just for fun.

Gaming club was a club that just played games. Some were computer games and others were regular strategic games. "Usually we met in Mr. Garrity's room until 5 P.M., or until we had to leave. We played games like Battle Tech. Some people played games like Civilization II, which is a computer game," junior Jeremy Spring said.

Others went to clubs not only to be with their friends but also to learn or strengthen their beliefs. "FCA lets us have a chance to socialize with our friends while still maintaining the religious part of the club. We could have fun and learn about our religion at the same time," sophomore Justin Finch said.

One student actually taught himself how to play chess. "I taught myself to play chess when I was eight. I had gotten a chess board for Christmas. Then Mr. Fry taught me skills in middle school. Being part of the high school chess club has let me use my skills, and has taught me teamwork and leadership and how to have a good time," junior Brian Jordan said.

Learning and having fun were part of the weekly meetings held by these clubs. It was a break for students and a chance to get away from the stress of everyday school life, yet still be participating in a school-sponsored function.



Varsity Academic Challenge. Front: Mythili Rao, Christine Meadors, Derek Juang. **2nd:** Jessie Young, Chris Young, Steven Tom. **Back:** Carolynn Roncaglia, Katie Boyle, Matt Williams, John Hardin.



JV Academic Challenge. Front: Mythili Rao, Chris McClendon. **Back:** Kyan Mulligan, Amy Fairchild, Tyler St. Clair.



VA Math League. Front: Shari Gross, Suzanne Ayres, Sarah Dewey, Derek Juang. **2nd:** Chris McClendon, Jeff Norris, Chris Young, Chad Shelton. **3rd:** Shaunak Deepak, Chris Carter, Judd Compton, Matt Williams. **Back:** Patrick Johnson, Chris Fortier, Jon Parker, Dave Shannon.



Mu Alpha Theta. Front: Shari Gross, Suzanne Ayres, Sarah Dewey, Chris Young. **Back:** Jeff Norris, Judd Compton, Dave Shannon, Matt Williams.

Organizations teach responsibility, occupational skills to future workers, leaders, business people

Preparing Futures

By Jennifer Mabe



FBLA. Front: Mary Beth Evans, Alexis Ross, Stacey Davenport, Kathi Carter, Christy Heimbruch, Crystal Thrasher. **2nd:** Chris Carter, Jason Robinson, David Scott, Larissa Montalvo, Karen Basnett. **Back:** John Hardin, Adam Brook, Dave Shannon, Amanda Wynn, Frank Beazlie.



FHA. Front: Jennifer Messier, Kristina Moore, Lisa Schwenneker, Jessica Messick, Blair White, Renate Newman, Crystal Bullard. **2nd:** Jodi Koenig, Sara Thomas, Blair Hardaway, Britney Compton, Allyson Smith, Katie Lorrigan. **3rd:** Larissa Montalvo, Danielle Cote, Heather Parker, Crystal Hopson, Amber Costello, Erin Crabtree, Tiffany Farrell. **Back:** Valerie Brauer, Jackie Ernzen, Mary Somels, Jennifer Kennedy, Jenny Martin, Danielle Backus.



VICA. Front: Sarah Kinnan, Jennifer Brandt, Jodi Koenig. **Back:** Amy Richardson, Scott Firman, Bonnie Cannon.



TSA. Front: Josh Hollingsworth, Aaron Huskey, Brett Schwenneker, Daniel Martinez, Curtis Furios, Jon Hill. **2nd:** Daniel Goodman, Jamie Price, Travis Butler, Brandon Fitzpatrick, Jonathan Backus, Jimmy Dewitt, B.J. West. **Back:** John Wie, Kurry Daniel, Tyler Evans, Jesse Dunlap, Brett Maguire, Vincent Figuenick, Eric Hacecky.

What are you going to major in at college? What do you want to be when you grow up?

Students were constantly asked these questions. For some students, these were hard to answer, but those involved in Future Business Leaders of America, Future Homemakers of America, and the Technology Student Association had some idea of the direction they wanted to take.

Being a part of FBLA assisted members in deciding their future careers. "FBLA has helped me learn how the business world works and will benefit me in the future. It has given me insight on what career choices I will make," senior Crystal Thrasher said.

TSA involved projects that called for work and skill. "At the egg-drop competition at Newmarket Fair, we built structures made of toothpicks that would protect the egg when an eight pound shot put was dropped on it from 15 feet up," senior Jimmy Dewitt said.

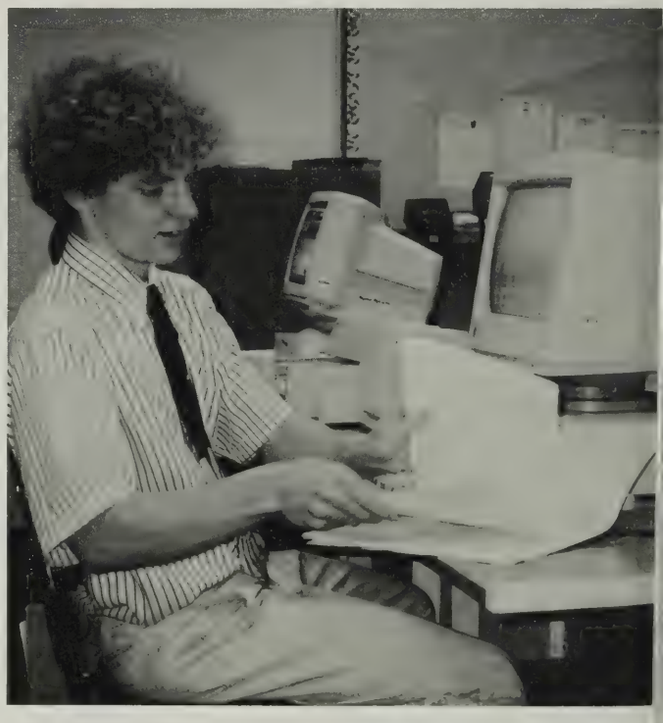
Having access to technological instruments was an advantage for TSA members. "TSA has given me an opportunity to use tools that professional engineers use. Now I will be better prepared when I major in engineering in college," senior Nick Guthrie said.

Students involved in FHA learned household skills. "FHA is going to prepare me for life because now I can sew a button and cook. We also learned how to rent an apartment. We like to compare our ideas," senior Blair Hardaway said.

It was hard enough for students to decide what their future plans were. They needed all the help they could get.



Before cooking a meal, juniors Danielle Backus and Allyson Smith empty the dishwasher. "The worst thing about Mrs. Wynn's classes is emptying the dishwasher. We always have to empty it before we set the table and it's usually dishes from the other classes," Allyson said.



FBLA prepared students for th business world. In his keyboardin and computer applications class sophomore Jonathan Abell organize his file. "Keyboarding helps if I decid to go into business in the future. It' also helpful with resumes and busines forms. I can type a mean spread shee now," Jonathan said



Students in FBLA were required to take a business course. Freshman Brian Dewitt practices his typing in keyboarding class. "I took keyboarding because I know that I'm going to have to use it later in life. I couldn't type at all before I took this class, but now I can type with a pretty good speed," Brian said.



Students in FHA were also enrolled in a home economics class. In her nutrition and wellness class, senior Rikki Stetson cleans out the refrigerator. "Nutrition and Wellness is a fun class to take. You get to learn how to cook and prepare different foods, so that means you always have to clean the fridge out, and if you forget, it is really bad because you can smell it all over the room," Rikki said.



Varsity Club Officers. Nina Richardson, Stacey Stone, Shawn Edwards, Tyler Evans.



Mixed Chorus. Front: Tiffany Britt, Krystal Davis, Jennifer Martinez, Ashley Lord, Katie Daniell, Mandi Starner, Tiffany Buckhholz, Jessica McNamara. **2nd:** Jennifer Ward, Alison Gooding, Lindsey Bryant, Adam Knowlton, Alise Svihla, Jennifer Caratachea, Shaunna Pauquete, Meredythe Massay. **3rd:** Melissa Taylor, Amy Ferry, Jessica Overton, Rachael Watkins, Chanel Azito, Channing Green, Leigh Jenkins, Nicole Ward. **Back:** Megan Larsen, Billy Moore, Jerrod Prosser, Amber Corbett, Stacy Auman, Jennifer Johnson.



SCARE. Front: Chris McClendon, Catherine Schuller, Brittany Carlson, Jennifer Bookwalter, Suchi Vatsa. **Back:** Tyler St.Clair, Shaunak Deepak, Kyan Mulligan, Chris Hall, Jama Tysarczyk.

AT THE HOMECOMING DANCE, JUNIOR JENNIFER BOOKWALTER AND GRADUATE PAUL ROSENSTEEL REST BETWEEN DANCES. "FOR DINNER BEFORE THE DANCE, WE WENT WITH A HUGE GROUP OF PEOPLE TO A RESTAURANT THAT WASN'T VERY GOOD BUT WAS VERY EXPENSIVE. ALSO, I REALLY LIKED THE DECORATIONS IN THE GYM," JENNIFER SAID. THE HOMECOMING DANCE WAS HELD FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE GYM. PREVIOUSLY HELD IN THE COMMONS, ADMINISTRATORS WERE CONCERNED WITH OVERCROWDING SINCE SO MANY STUDENTS ANNUALLY ATTENDED THE EVENT.

SPREADING OUT AN AFGHAN, SENIOR CHRISTA STUTT ENTICES BUYERS AS PART OF A FUND-RAISER FOR KEY CLUB. "WE BEGGED EVERYONE WHO WALKED BY TO BUY A BLANKET, BUT MOST PEOPLE WOULDN'T. THE AFGHANS NEVER SELL VERY WELL--I THINK IT'S BECAUSE THE PEOPLE WHO GO TO THE FESTIVAL ARE NOT JUST FROM POQUOSON," CHRISTA SAID. THE CONSTRUCTION WAS FAR-REACHING ENOUGH TO EVEN EFFECT THE SEAFOOD FESTIVAL. PARKING, ALWAYS SCARCE, WAS MORE DIFFICULT TO FIND BECAUSE THE WORK SITE TOOK UP PREVIOUSLY USED AREAS.





Working Together

Parking, summer confusion give advantages to juniors, disadvantages to guidance

--*By Nicole Feldl*

When the going gets tough, people stick together. In other words, when construction took over the school, both students and teachers had to work to keep schedules running moothly and normally.

Seniors did exactly this by allowing juniors to share their parking rivileges. The construction work site intruded into parts of the parking ot. Thus, more parking spaces were added, some of which were given to uniors. *"All of my friends were mad when I got the parking space on he old basketball courts and they didn't. The only problem is that when t rains, the road and grass by the courts are worse than walking across he field,"* ***junior Britney Compton said. Originally, all driving under-lassmen had to find parking at the old library or the pool.***

Teachers who visited the school during the summer also had to work ogether. The guidance office was shifted to rooms D-5 and the APP oom. *"We had only one phone line that Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Sutton, and nyself had to share. Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Napier were next door, nd the only way they could communicate with us was to yell. The roximity of other counselors in the same room also made confidenti-lity almost impossible,"* ***guidance counselor Mrs. Rosie Walsh said.***

In the face of the inconveniences and along with the advantages, tudents and teachers proved they understood the meaning of WORKING OGETHER.



POINTING TO HIS NOTES, SENIOR JIMMY ROYSTER ASKS ENGLISH TEACHER MRS. BONNIE FAY A QUESTION. JIMMY STAYED AFTER SCHOOL SO THAT MRS. FAY COULD HELP HIM UNDERSTAND LORD OF THE FLIES. "I REALLY APPRECIATED MRS. FAY STAYING AFTER CLASS WITH ME. EXTRA INDIVIDUAL HELP WAS THE KEY TO ME DOING AS WELL AS I DID ON THE TEST--I GOT AN 'A'," JIMMY SAID. MRS. FAY WAS ONE OF THE FEW TEACHERS SCHEDULED TO MOVE INTO THE NEW ADDITION. "I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SPACE, NATURAL LIGHT, ELECTRICAL OUTLETS, AND 'A ROOM WITH A VIEW.' I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT WE CAN MOVE IN THIS YEAR SO THAT MY SENIOR CLASSES WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE THE NEW BUILDING," MRS. FAY SAID.

First dates

By Rebecca Turbish

> *"I really didn't even like my date. I only said yes because I felt bad. It was just an embarrassing night that I would like to forget."*

Should I do it? Oh my goodness, my hands are sweaty, and I can't stop shaking. What's wrong with me?

Often first dates proved embarrassing. "I went to see *Jerry Maguire* on my first date. There was a graphic sexual scene which made me feel very awkward because I really didn't even like my date. I only said yes because I felt bad. It was just an embarrassing night that I would like to forget," Blair Hardaway said.

Not every senior went out on dates, either. "I have never really had an official date before. We always go out in groups. We have more fun that way," Chris Swain said.

First dates did not always turn out wonderful for everyone. "I got my first kiss on my

First impressions bring awkward moments, good times, lasting friendships

first date. I felt so uncomfortable because I didn't want to kiss him. It was an awful kiss and one of the worst experiences of my life," Christa Stutt said.

Seniors became terrified before their first dates. "My first date was terrifying. I went with my date, two friends, and their dates. They had all dated before. I felt like everything I did was so clumsy and dumb. I accidentally dumped my drink all over the floor right in the middle of the movie," Joey Bernache said.

First dates did not always leave a memorable impression. "My first date must not have been all that great because I don't remember anything about it," Alexis Ross said.

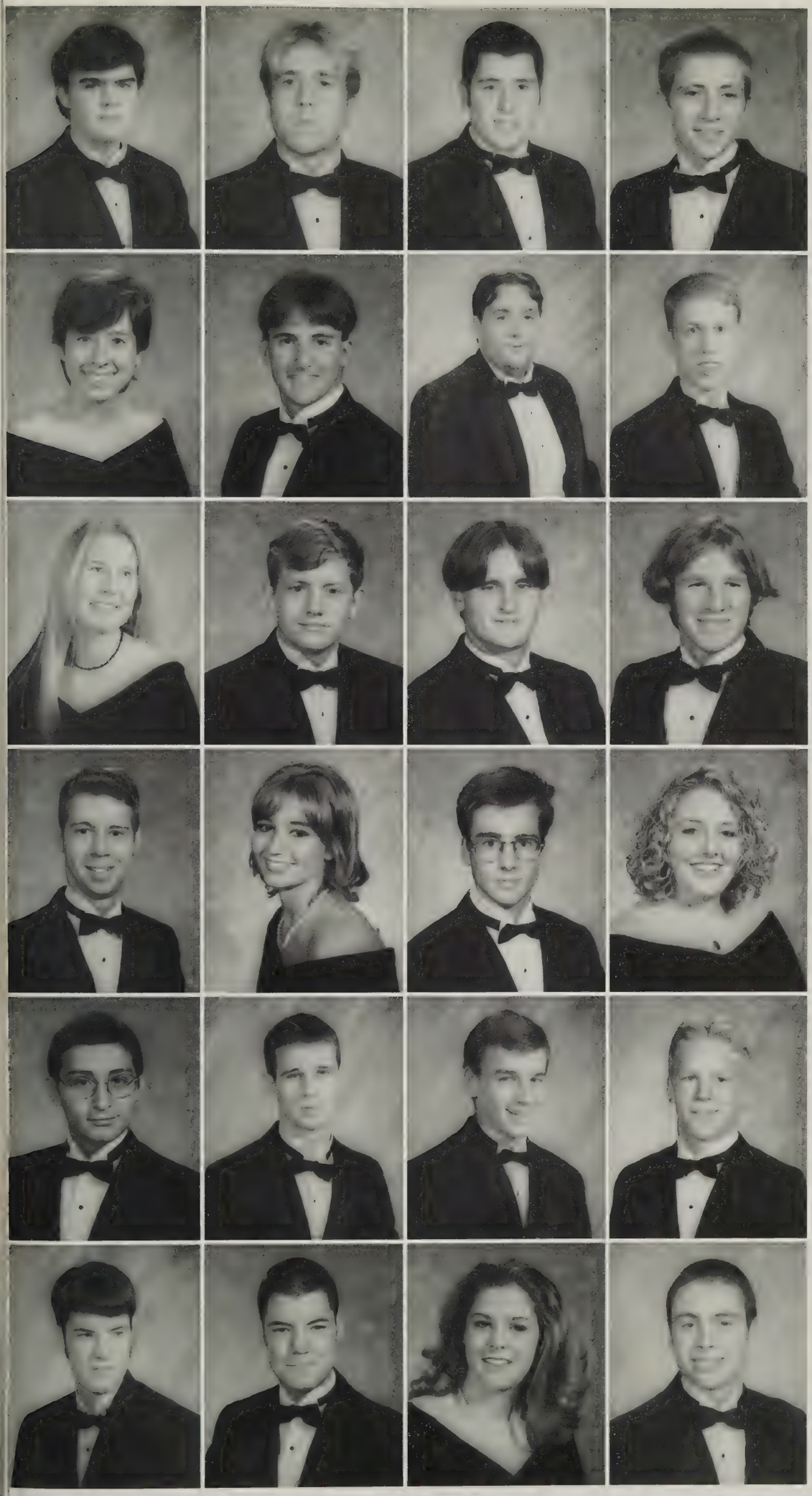
Whether pleasant or not, most seniors went on first dates.



After volleyball practice, Vicki Firth stops by Jarrett Yehlen's house. "We've been dating since Homecoming. He asked me the day before the dance, so I never thought that it would turn into something serious. Things between us are great now," Vicki said.



In the hallway, Randi Webb and Tyler Evans hug. "I wasn't really nervous with Tyler on our first date because it was the Homecoming Dance and we went with a group of people. Ever since then, we have been together," Randi said.



JAMES TREVOR ALSBROOKS
Chess Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Sci-Fi Club 11; Gaming Club 12

PETER PAUL ANDERSON
Golf 9,10; Key Club 10,11; Soccer 10; Special Friends 12

ROBERT JOSEPH ANKENEY
Football 10, 11, 12; FCA 11,12

MICHAEL JAMES ARTIS
Baseball 9,10; TSA 10, 11, 12

SUZANNE LEE AYRES
Spanish Governors School 11; Soundsation 10, 12; Math League 9,10,11,12; Chess Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Sci-Fi Club 11, 12

JONATHAN DUANE BACKUS
Wrestling 9, 10; Track 11, 12; TSA 9, 10, 11, 12

RYLAND BOOKER BALLARD

JASON LEE BARNETT
Mixed Chorus 9; Soundsation 10, 11, 12; Acappella 10, 11, 12; Drama 10, 11, 12; Thespian 10, 11, 12

KAREN ELIZABETH BASNETT
SCA 12; FBLA 10, 11, 12pres.; Key Club 10, 11, 12; Special Friends 12; Girls Tennis mgr. 10, 11, 12

FRANK SMOOT BEAZLIE
Soccer 9, 10, 11; Key Club 11, 12; FBLA 12

MICHAEL LYNN BELL
VICA 11, 12

JOEL WADE BERNACHE
Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Cross-Country 12; Wrestling 10; TSA 9, 10, 11

MARC ALLEN BETHEL
FBLA vp 12; Special Friends 12

PAGE ELIZABETH BISHOP
Key Club 11, 12; Yearbook 12

JEREMY WAYNE BLOXOM
Track 10, 11, 12; Gaming Club sec. 12

JENNIFER LEE BRANDT
Cheerleading 9; Key Club 9, 10, 11; SADD 10, 11; Special Friends 10

ADAM LEE BROOK
FCA 11; FBLA 12

MICHAEL THOMAS BROOKS
Baseball 10, 11, 12; FBLA 12; SADD 12

DAVID CRAIG BROWN
Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12; Key Club 9, 11, 12; FCA 10, 11, 12

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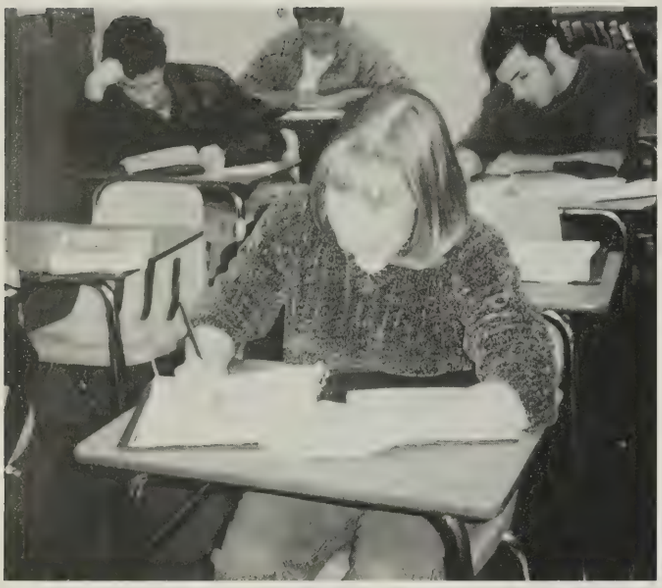
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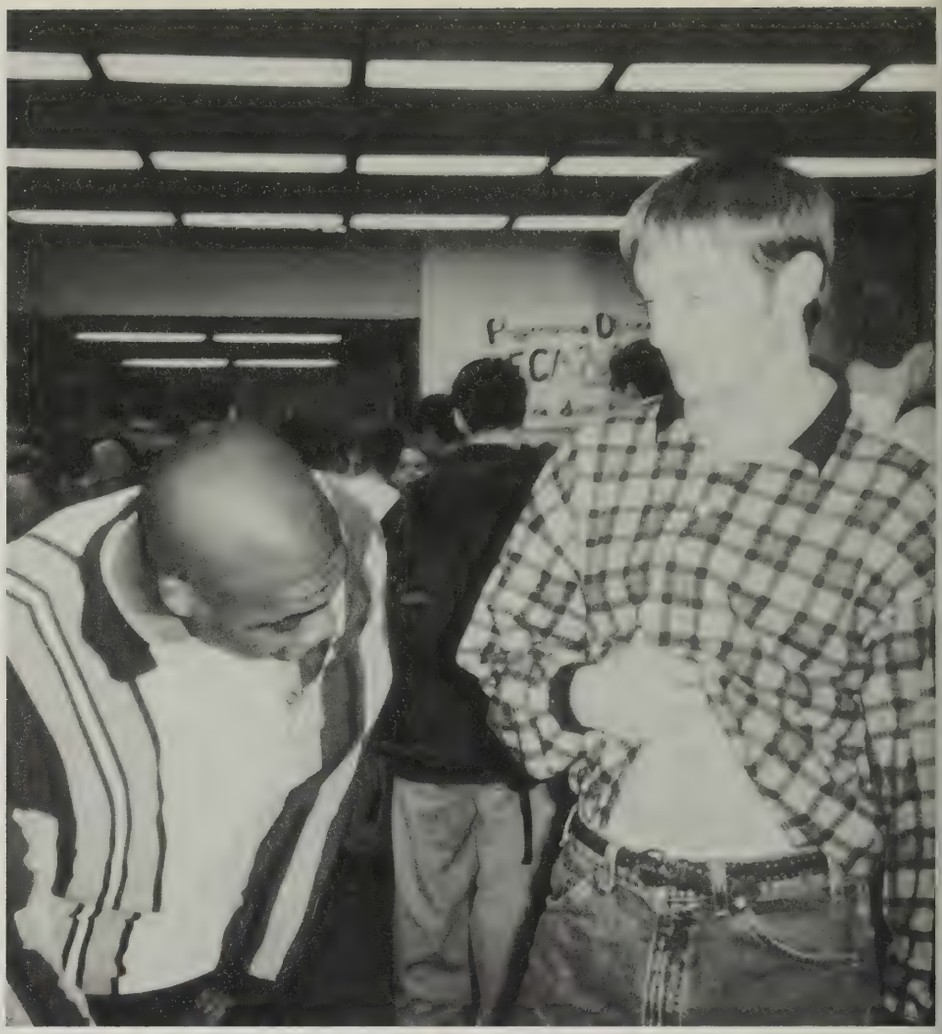
BONNIE LEE CANNON
VICA 12; Mixed Chorus 9, 10; Acappella 11, 12

CHRISTOPHER GEORGE CARD
Football 11; FCA 11; TSA 9, 10, 11, 12; VICA 12

Showing Sam Cowles his scar, Ryan Hunter lifts his shirt. "In eighth grade, my appendix ruptured. I spent a week in the hospital. I got twenty-five staples to close the wound," Ryan said.

In AP Statistics, Kristi Geppert works on her classwork. "When I was little, my brother pushed me down a hill on my bike and I flipped over and skidded across the sidewalk. Ever since then I have had a scar on my wrist," Kristi said.





CHRISTOPHER EDWARD CARTER
Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Who's Who 11; Boys State 11

KATHI HOPE CARTER
Special Friends 9, 10, 11; Key Club 9, 11, 12; SADD 9; FBLA 12

DEREK PATRICK CHAMBERS
Football 10, 11, 12; TSA 9, 10

JOHN VINCENT CHAPMAN
TSA 9, 10, 11; Yearbook 12; Golf 10, 11, 12; Basketball 10

EMILE FRANCIS COCHET III
Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 9, 10 ,11, 12; Baseball 9, 10, 11; FCA 10, 11,12

JUDD MCKOWEN COMPTON
Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12; Forensics 10, 11, 12; Mu Alpha Theta 11,12

SAMUEL DAVIS COWLES
Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Key Club 11, 12; Basketball 10, 11, capt. 12; SCA 12; Football 11,12

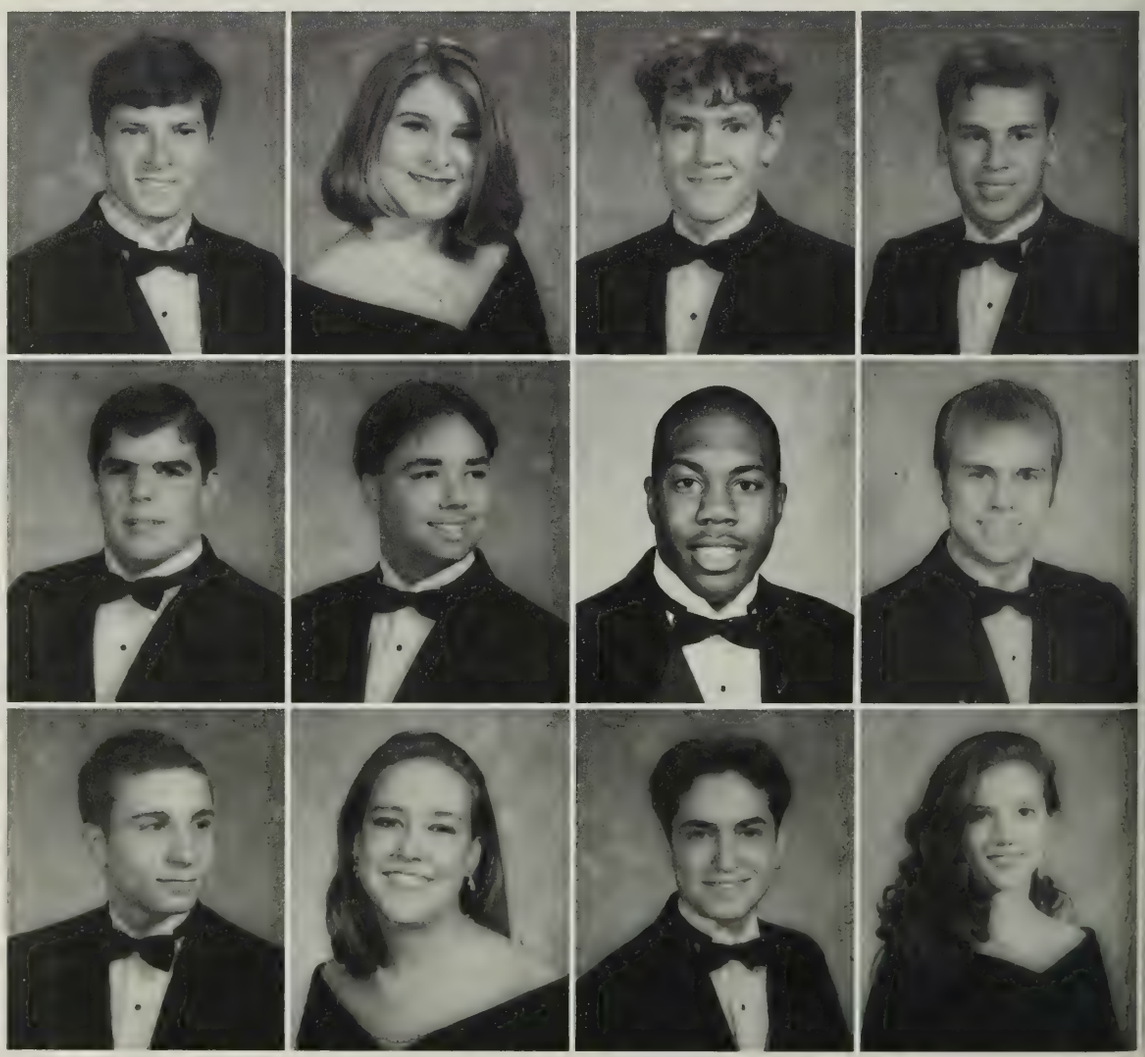
THOMAS HAYWOOD CRITTENDEN
Football 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12; Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12; NHS 11, 12

JACOB ALAN DAVENPORT
Happy Club 10

STACEY NICOLE DAVENPORT
Key Club 10, 11, 12; SADD 10, 12; Special Friends 10, 12; FHA 10; FBLA 12

CLINTON ROSS DAVIS
Soundsation 10, 11, 12

SARAH LYNN DEWEY
Thespian 9, 10, 11, vp 12; NHS 11, 12; Jazz Choir 11, 12; Forensics 10, 11, 12; Int'l Club 11, 12



Painful reminders

By Rebecca Turbish

> *"I was banging on the window trying to get my mom's attention. My hand went right through it. I had to get thirty-six stitches to fix it."*

Tricycle accident, 1982. Knife incident, 1987. Surgery, 1990. Fight with brother, 1997.

Scars happened often among seniors. "In the third grade I was running through a field, and I stepped on a stick. It flew into my leg, went into the bone and popped back out. My friends had to wheel me home on my skateboard. When the doctor flushed out the wound, a live lady bug and a leaf came out," Frank Beazlie said.

Many scars originated from childhood. "When I was eight years old, I was banging on a window trying to get my mom's attention. My hand went right through it. I got thirty-six stitches to fix the half-inch wide tear on my right hand," Kevin McClellan said.

Behind the scars hid an interesting story. "When I was young, my mom bought me a

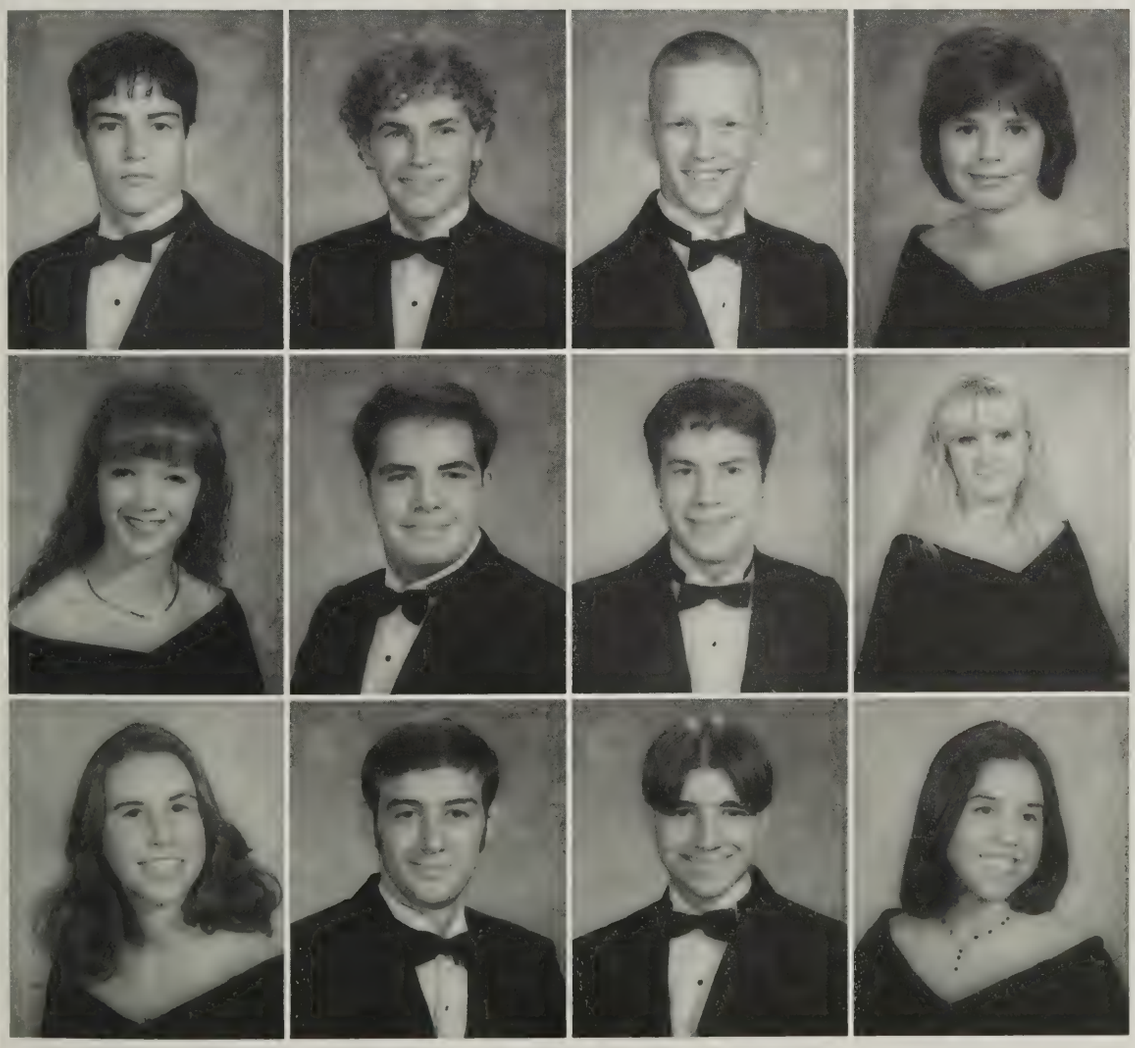
Injuries produce cuts, bumps, bad memories

brand new hot wheels. I was so excited that I ran towards it. I tripped over a meter and my head smashed into the bird bath. I had to get 10 stitches," Shawn Lacks said.

Some scars resulted from surgery. "About four years ago, my appendix ruptured. They had to do surgery to remove the appendix and clean the infection. I was in the hospital for about a week. I got twenty-five staples to close the wound, and now I have a three inch scar on my stomach, above my belly button," Ryan Hunter said.

Athletics also caused scars. "My scar is on my chin. At football practice, Dan McAdams hit me. His helmet hit my chin. I had to get four stitches," Cory Groseth said.

Whether recent or not, seniors had many scars with stories behind almost every one.



STEPHEN JAMES DEWITT JR
Baseball 11, 12; TSA 9, 10, 11, 12

RONNIE LEE DIGGS
New Horizons 11, 12

DREW WARD DIXON

NIKKI DOERNTE

JESSICA JOLEEN DRYDEN
Cheerleading 9, 10, 11; New Horizons 11, 12

MICHAEL WELLBORN DUBOSE
Band 9, 10, 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; Track 10, 11, 12; Drama 10, 11, 12; TSA 9, 11, tres. 12

BRADLEY CHRISTIAN ELSASS
Newspaper 11, 12; Key Club 10, 11, 12

CHASITY S. ESTEP
Co-op 10, 11, 12

MARY BETH EVANS
Field Hockey 9, 10, 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; Key Club 9,10, 11, 12; SADD 9, 10, 11, 12; Lit. Mag. 11

TYLER SCOTT EVANS
Varsity Club10, 11, 12; Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 9, 10, 12

JONATHAN DAVID FALLS
Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Key Club 11

LIA FARINA
Acappella 12; Yearbook 12; Key Club 12

Difficult Decisions

By Jennifer Mabe

> *"I've looked at some of the essays on the applications. I have no idea where to begin. All of my topics sound typical."*

Describe an important event that has changed your life. Please describe it in 300 words or more. Please explain in 200 words why you have decided to apply to this university.

Those were examples of college essay questions. After seniors decided where to app they had the task of filling out applications and writing essays.

They first had to decide on a college to apply to. "I want to go to James Madison University. They have a good media arts and advertising program," Tara Starner said.

Colleges were chosen for their location. "I am looking at George Mason University. It's close to Washington, D.C., and freshmen can have cars," Karen Basnett said.

The next decision was deciding what to write the essays on. "We had to write an essa

Applications bring writing, headaches, tough choices

for English. It was practice, but it was for a grade. We could write about anything in our life that was significant," Tomma Winder said.

Writing essays proved to be a difficult task. "I've looked at some of the essays on the applications. I have no idea where to begin. All of my topics sound typical. I want to try and stand out from the other people, but I'm not sure how," Jon Parker said.

Some seniors put them off as long as they could. "I haven't written any essays yet, bu I hope to start soon after I sort through all the information," Joey Bernache said.

Writing essays was a big part of the college application process. They had to be perfect before sending in the application.

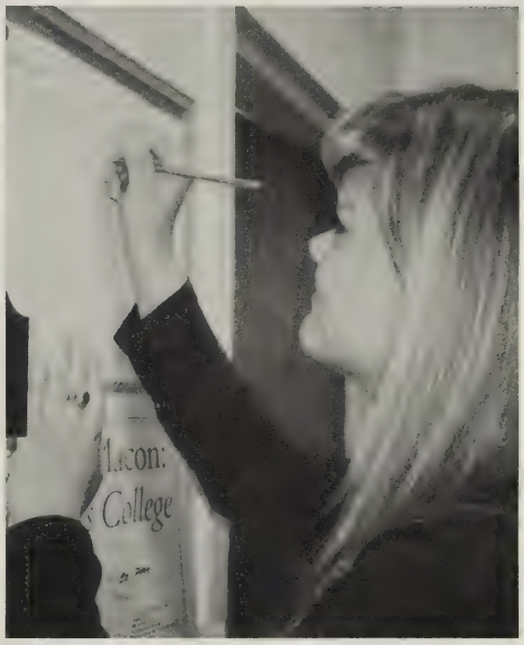


During lunch, Tiffany West looks over a James Madison University application. "I just got the application and I wanted to get a head start on filling out the easy stuff. Applications are time consuming and it takes a long time to get organized," Tiffany said. After filling out their applications, seniors turned them into guidance to be checked and sent off.



Between classes, Christa Stutt hands in an application to Mrs. Judy Sullivan, guidance secretary. "Mrs. Sullivan has been tremendous help. I always have something to drop off in guidance and she's always willing to help me out with all of my needs. She's been a real life saver," Christa said.

While in the guidance office, April Weaver signs up to visit with the Randolph-Macon College representative. Throughout the year, representatives from different colleges came to present information about their schools. Students asked them questions and got additional information on the colleges they were interested in.





DEANNA LEE FARMER

NICOLE ANNE FELDL
Yearbook 10, 11, 12; NHS 11,12; Key Club 11, 12

SHERYL LYNN FIRTH
FBLA 10; Key Club 9; Track 10, 11; New Horizons 11

VICKI DAWN FIRTH
Basketball 9, 10, 11; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Who's Who 11, SCA 10, 12; Class Tres. 10

JASON W. FISHMAN

RACHEL HYATT FITHIAN
Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12; Special Friends 10, 11, 12; NHS 11, sec. 12; Forensics 10, 11, 12

LYNN NICOLE FOLKS
FHA 9, 10, 11; Track 10; Key Club 10, 11

KAREN NICHOLE FORREST
VICA 12; FHA 9, 10

High expectations

By Tommy Crittenden

"I think that it is good that they keep pushing me to do better, I just don't appreciate all the unnecessary yelling."

That's not good enough! You can do better!

These were the words often heard by students from their parents during report card time, test return days, and even after band performances and athletic events.

Parents put a lot of pressure on their kids to do well. "My parents expect me to do well in school because they know what I'm capable of doing," Christa Stutt said.

Some students were scared of report cards because of the consequences. "If I get bad grades, I get grounded for a couple of weeks," Kristi Geppert said.

Pressure from parents made some students work very hard to excel in school. "I don't like getting into trouble over school, so I study to get good grades," Dave Shannon said.

Parents expect good grades, athletic abilities, involvement

Almost all parents wanted their kids to do well, not just in school, but in other areas. This was evident with athletes. They already had enough pressure from coaches and fans; parents just added more. "When I do badly in a football game, my parents get disappointed and let me hear about it," Emile Cochet said.

Each student coped with this pressure differently. Some took it in and concluded that it was for their own good. "I think that it is good that they keep pushing me to do better, I just don't appreciate all the unnecessary yelling," Chris Swain said.

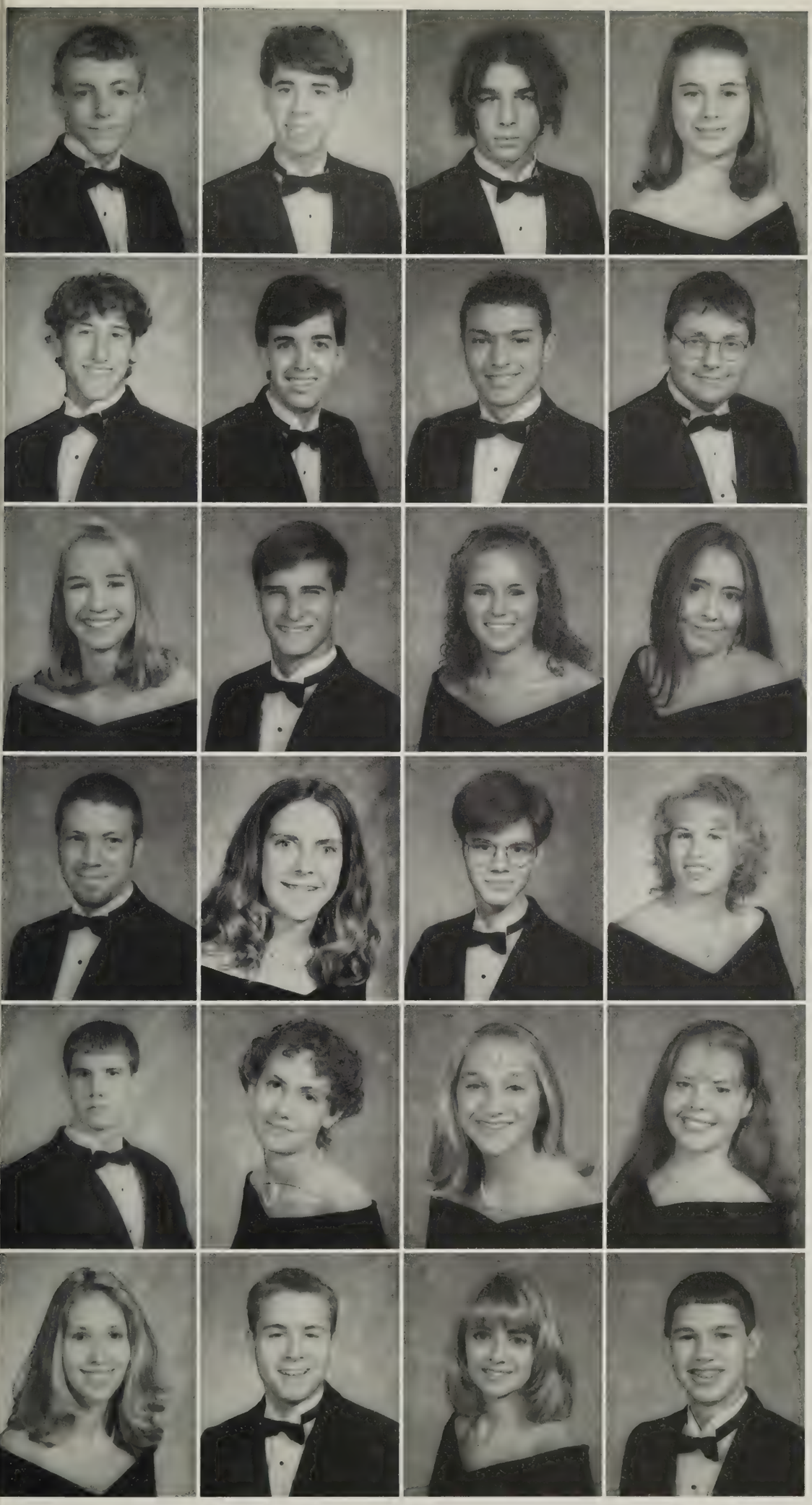
Parents expected a great deal from their kids. All of that pressure had influential effects on the performance of students.



Between classes, Kathi Carter, April Weaver, and Stacy Davenport compare grades. "We were relieved that our grades all turned out well," Kathi said. Parental pressure was eased by good grades.



After school hours, senior Jimmy Royster stays to get help from English teacher Mrs. Bonnie Fay. "I'm working hard for the first semester because those are the grades colleges look at. Staying after before the test helps my grades and my chances of getting in the college I want," Jimmy said.



SETH BYRON FORREST
VICA 11, 12; Wrestling 9; Track 9; Cross Country 10

CHRISTOPHER RICHARD FORTIER
Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Forensics 10, 11, 12; Class Tres. 11, 12; SCA 9, 10, 11, 12; Who's Who 11

CHRISTOPHER W. FOWLER

KATHLEEN JULIA FOWLER
Sci-Fi Club 11, 12; Chess Club 10, 11, 12; Forensics 11, 12; Thespian 11, 12; NHS 11, 12

BRIAN FREEMAN

DOUGLAS CRAIG GALLAER JR
Class Pres. 9, 10, 11, 12; Forensics 9, 10, 11, 12; Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Drama 9, 10, 11, 12

PEDRO RENE FABIAN GARCIA
Football 10, 11, 12; Basketball 10, 11; Track 12; Newspaper 12

MATTHEW AARON GENGNAGEL
Key Club 11; Special Friends 12

KRISTIN ELIZABETH GEPPERT
Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Cheerleading 10, 11, 12; Key Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 9

PHILLIP SHAWN GILLISPIE
Who's Who 9, 10, 11, 12; VICA 11

PENNY ANN GOODRICH
FHA 9, 10; FBLA 11; VICA 12

AMANDA RENEE GRIFFITH
VICA 11

CORY ALAN GROSETH
Soccer 10, 11, 12; Football 10, 11, 12; Who's Who 10, 11, 12; Key Club 11, 12

SHARI LYNN GROSS
Basketball 10, 11, 12; Volleyball 10, 11, 12; Softball 10, 11, 12; Band 10, 11, 12; Key Club 10, 11, 12

NICHOLAS JAMES GUTHRIE
Gaming Club 12

BLAIR ANN HARDAWAY
Key Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12; Field Hockey 9, 10, 11, 12; FHA 9, 10, 11, 12

MATTHEW RYAN HARKER
Soccer 9; TSA 9

VICTORIA MARIE HARPER
Athletic Trainer 10, 11, 12; Forensics 9, 10, 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; Int'l Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Drama 9, 10

MICHELLE LYNN HARRELL
Field Hockey 9, 10, 11, capt. 12; Garnet and Gold 10, 11, pres. 12; NHS 11, vp 12; Girls' State 11

TRACI MICHELLE HAZEN
District Chorus 12; Track mgr. 10, 11, 12

CHRISTINA MARIE HEIMBRUCH
Key Club 11, 12; SADD 11, 12; Boys' Tennis mgr. 11, 12; Special Friends 10;

JONATHAN KINNEY HILL
TSA 9, 10, 11, 12; FCA 11

JENNY MARIE HOLLAND
Cheerleading 9; HOSA 11, 12; Garnet and Gold 11; Soundsation 12; Acappella 10

NATHAN JOHN HOLST
NHS 11, 12; Yearbook 12; Special Friends 12; SADD 12

Blowing his horn, Chris Fortier, senior class treasurer, shows his spirit at the Homecoming pep rally. Whichever class was the loudest won the spirit stick. The senior class won.

During the homecoming pep rally, Kathleen Kreiger and Blair Hardaway glance back towards their class. "The pep rally was really exciting and sad at the same time. It was hard to realize that this was my last homecoming. I have always looked forward to wearing a toga, so it is so hard to believe that moment has already passed," Blair said.





ROBERT GRAHAM HUNT
Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12; Soccer 9, 10, 11

THOMAS RYAN HUNTER
Basketball 10, 11, capt. 12; Soccer 10, 12; Football 12; NHS 11, 12; Governor's School 11

JERROD MICHAEL HURR
Football 9, 10, 11, capt. 12; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12; Who's Who 10, 11, 12

KELLY NOREEN INSLEY
Garnet and Gold 11, 12; Soundsation 12; Acappella 10, 11, 12; Key Club 9, 10; Special Friends 10

THOMAS EDWARD JENKINS

ARINN KRISTINE JOHNSON
Key Club 9, 10, 11, 12; SADD 9, 10, 11, 12; Swimming 10, 11; Yearbook 12; Color Guard 9, 10, 11, 12

PATRICK ANTON JOHNSON
Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 9, 10, 11, 12; Key Club 11, 12; Newspaper 10, 11, 12

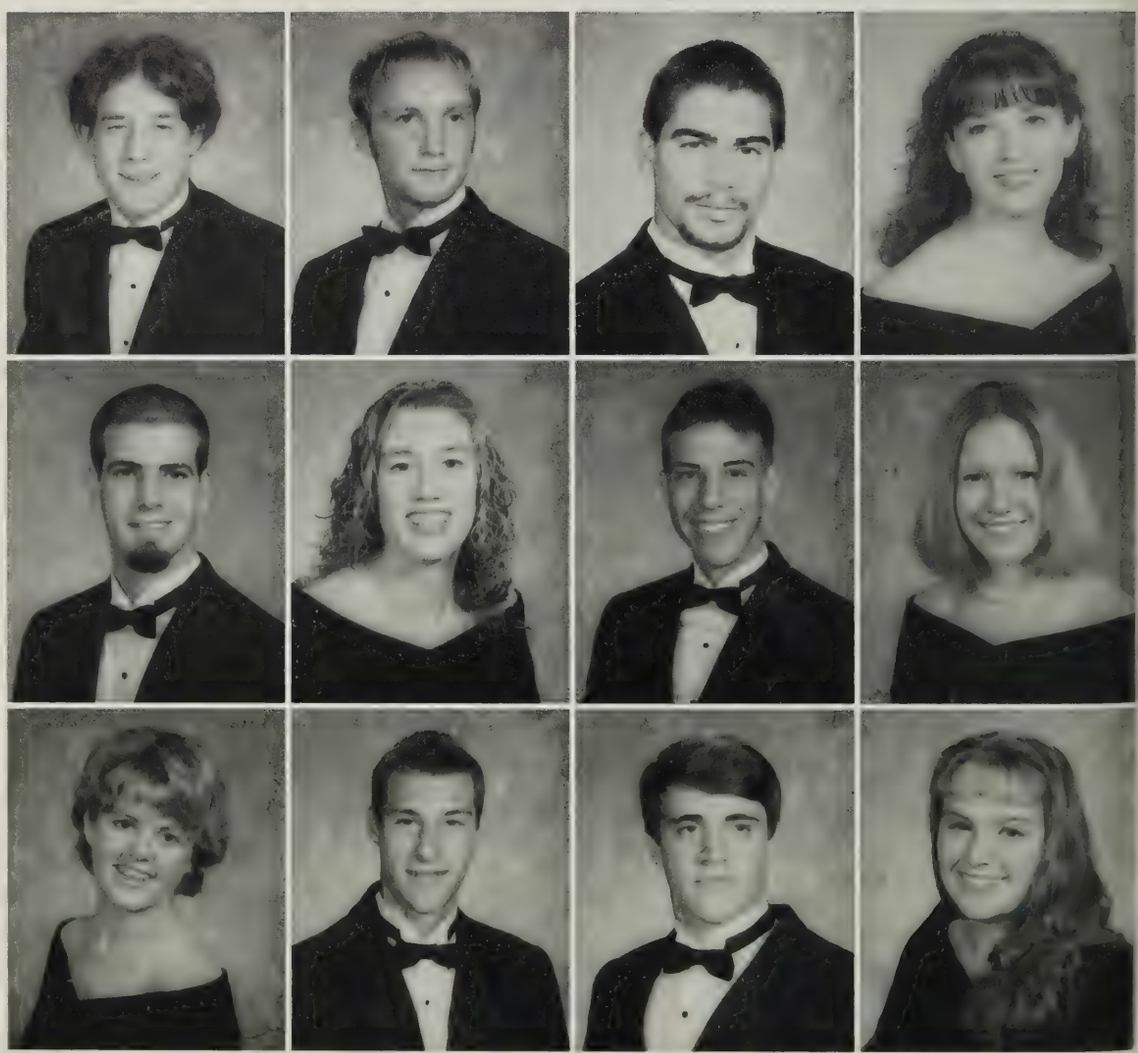
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Soccer 10, 11, 12; Field Hockey 10, 11; Newspaper 11, 12; Special Friends 10, 11, 12

COURTNEY ALLISON JUDD
Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; Key Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Forensics 10, 11

MAURICE HARRISON KAISER
Tennis 9, 10, 11; Golf 11

TREVOR JAMES KEGL
Football 10, 11, 12; Track 12; FCA 12

TARA MAUREEN KEHOE-GOLTRY
Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Color Guard 11, capt. 12; Chorus 9



Spirit sheets

By Mary Beth Evans

> *"The best part was being with my friends on toga night. We were all running around Chris Young's backyard painting on each other's togas."*

Take 220 students and a week packed full of festivities, spirit, and fun and it was Homecoming for the seniors.

Seniors were quite involved in the Homecoming activities. They showed their spirit by dressing up throughout the week. "Tommy Crittenden, Ryan Hunter, Sam Cowles, Chad Shelton, Kevin McClellan, Dave Shannon, and I all dressed up on Hippie Day and walked into the commons with a boom box playing 'Mary Jane'," Chris Swain said.

On Friday the entire senior class dressed up in togas. "The best part was being with my friends on toga night. It was so much fun because we were all running around Chris Young's yard painting on each other's togas," Jennifer Kennedy said.

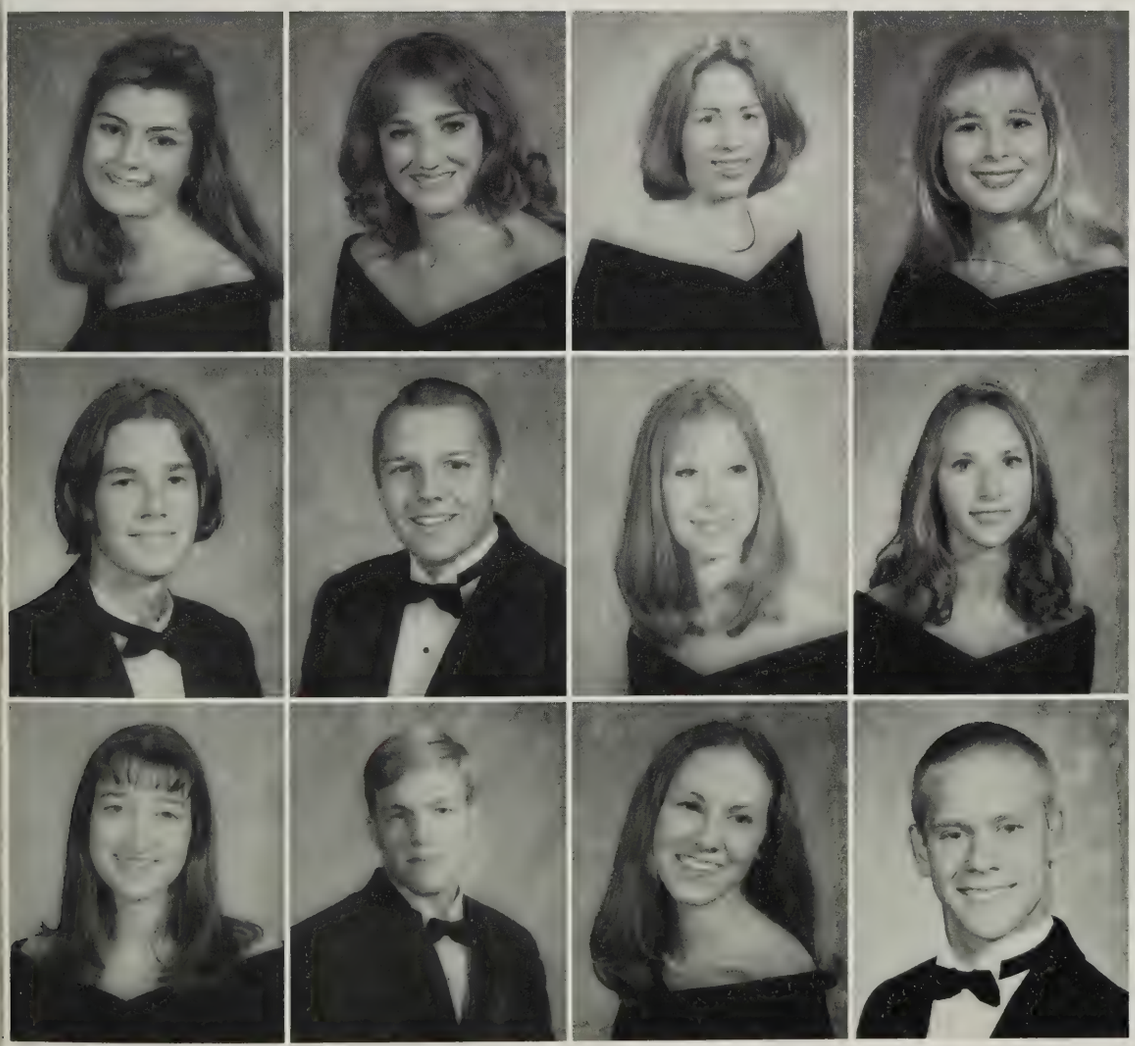
Spirit makes late nights, early breakfasts, memorable moments

Although it may have seemed different to some, toga day still had its value. "I enjoyed wearing a toga that day, we should have more days like that," Clint Davis said.

At the pep rally seniors showed off their school spirit. "I thought spirit week was good. Everybody showed their support for their class at the pep rally," Matt Gengnagel said.

Seniors also tried to make their last year one to remember. "I enjoyed Homecoming so much more because I knew that it was my last year and I wanted it to be memorable," Sandy Shandor said.

Spending time with friends making togas and showing school spirit were exciting parts of Homecoming for the seniors.



JENNIFER MARIE KENNEDY
FCA 10, 11, 12; Track 9, 10; Forensics 11, 12; FHA 9, 10, 11, 12; Swimming mgr. 12

LINDSEY BROOKE KING
Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Co-op 12; TSA 11, 12

SARAH JEAN KINNAN
Basketball 10; Soccer 10, 11, 12; VICA 12; Special Friends 10

JODI LYNN KOENIG
Key Club 9, 10; SADD 10, hist. 11; VICA 11, vp 12; FHA 12; Girls' Soccer mgr. 10

JASON MATTHEW KOPTISH
Soccer 10, capt. 11, 12; Basketball 11, capt. 12; Key Club 11, 12; Who's Who 11

JOSHUA DAVID KOVAR
Football 9, 10, 11, 12; Varsity Club 12

NICOLE ANN KRAKOWSKI
Quill and Scroll 11, 12; FHA 11, 12; Key Club 12

KATHLEEN ELLEN KREIGER
Key Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Soccer 10, 11, 12; SADD 9, 10, 11, pres. 12; Basketball 9, 10, 11; Special Friends 9, 10, 11, 12

DANIELLE MARIE KUKICH
Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Drum Major 11, 12; Jazz Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Soundsation 9, 12; Garnet and Gold 10, 11

SHAWN CHRISTOPHER LACKS
Baseball 9, 10, 11, 12; Golf 11, 12; Varsity Club 10, 11, 12; FCA 11, 12

ASHLEY RAE LAMBERTON
Chorus 9, 10, 11, 12; Garnet and Gold 11, vp 12; Key Club 10, 11, 12; Soccer 10; Special Friends 10

IAN M. LAMPRECHT
Track 9; Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12; Drama 9, 10, tres.11

Childhood friends

By Tommy Crittenden

> *"I was forced to make new friends again, except this time, I stayed with the same people pretty much all through school."*

Oh, the memories from way back when. Saying the ABC's and the one, two, three's, show and tell, and of course, everybody's favorite, snack-time.

Kindergarten was the first and probably most memorable school year for students. It was then that long lasting friendships were established and implanted within students' hearts. Many students kept the same friends for all these years. "I was so nervous and quiet on the first day of school, but within a week, I had all kinds of new friends. I never would've thought that I'd still be close to these people after so long," Karen Basnett said.

Some friendships from kindergarten, however, did not last. "After kindergarten, I got put into a class with different people. I was forced to make new friends again, except this time,

Lifelong friendships bring smiles, tears, memories

I stayed with the same people pretty much all through school," Joey Bernache said.

Students met each other in different ways during their first year of school. "I met two of my friends that I still hang out with now because their cubbies were next to mine," Chris Carter said.

Other students didn't move here until later. "Kindergarten was hard for me because I lived in Okinawa. I could never understand the teachers speaking in Japanese. I didn't want to leave there because I had a crush on a little Japanese girl," Cory Groseth said.

Kindergarten brought students good times and good people. Those things made friendships that stuck with students for many years.



Chatting between classes, Taylor Morgan and Jennifer Ward talk about what has happened that day. "Jennifer and I have been friends since we were born. I like that she goes to school with me. I help her if she is having problems in a class," Taylor said. Friends helped each other with school work and personal problems.



At Jenny Stallings' Super Bowl party, Kathleen Kreiger, Blair Hardaway, and Nina Richardson fall out of the chair. "We have been friends since we started school in first grade. It's our last year together so we were posing for a picture when Kathleen pushed me out of the chair. I fell to the floor and John Chapman still took the picture," Nina said.

During their Halloween party in kindergarten, Beth Ann Thomas, Tammi Perok, and Stacey Stone wait for their food. "I forgot that it was costume day until my ride came to pick me up. I rushed to put on my clown costume, but I ended up getting so hot, I eventually took it off," Beth Ann said.





JAMES CALDWELL LARUE
Academic Challenge 9, 10, 11, 12; Band 9, 10, 11; NHS 11, 12; Gaming Club 12

CHRISTINE MARIE LEESON
Field Hockey 9, 10, 11, 12; Softball 9, 10; Cheerleading 10; Wrestling mgr. 11; HOSA 12

RACHEL WHITLEY LIGART
FHA 9, 10, 11; VICA 12; Swimming 9; Soccer 10; Key Club 11

CASEY WILLIAM LISCUM
TSA 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball 9, 10



RYAN W. LOER
New Horizons 11, 12; VICA 12

LAWRENCE H. LORD

MARNI MARIE LUTHIE
Band 9; Mixed Chorus 10; Acappella 11, 12; New Horizons 11, 12

JENNIFER ANNE MABE
NHS 11, 12; Yearbook 11, 12; Quill and Scroll 11, 12; Delta Epsilon Phi 11, 12; Who's Who 11

Extreme pressures

By Jennifer Mabe

> *"I take Computer Programming from six to nine at night. It is extra homework along with my other homework. The stress and homwork just build up."*

Stress. A six letter word that describes the lives of many seniors.

There were many things that added to the stress of senior year. Homework and school were the main causes of stress for most seniors. "I get stressed out when I have a lot of homework and I don't understand it. To relieve it I spend time with my friends and we joke around. Laughing helps me feel better," Alison Mast said.

After-school jobs added to the pressure of homework. "I work at Brenner's Bakery, so I get stressed out. Often I don't get off until four in the morning. The next day I go to the gym to play raquet ball and relieve my stress," Jimmy DeWitt said.

If a senior took a college course, then it just added to the amount of homework. "I take

Stress causes lack of sleep, tension, frustration

Computer Programming from six to nine at night at New Horizons. It is extra homework along with my other homework. The stress and work just build up," Chris Swain said.

Certain classes were stressful. "In pottery, making baskets stresses me out because it's frustrating, hard, and I'm horrible at it. It makes me feel bad," Nick Guthrie said.

Lack of sleep added to stress. "When I get tired I get stressed, so I take a nap. After I sleep, everything looks better," Lorri Singleton said.

Seniors had to find different ways to relieve stress. "When I get stressed, I relieve it by driving around in my car with the radio turned on real loud," Crystal Thrasher said.

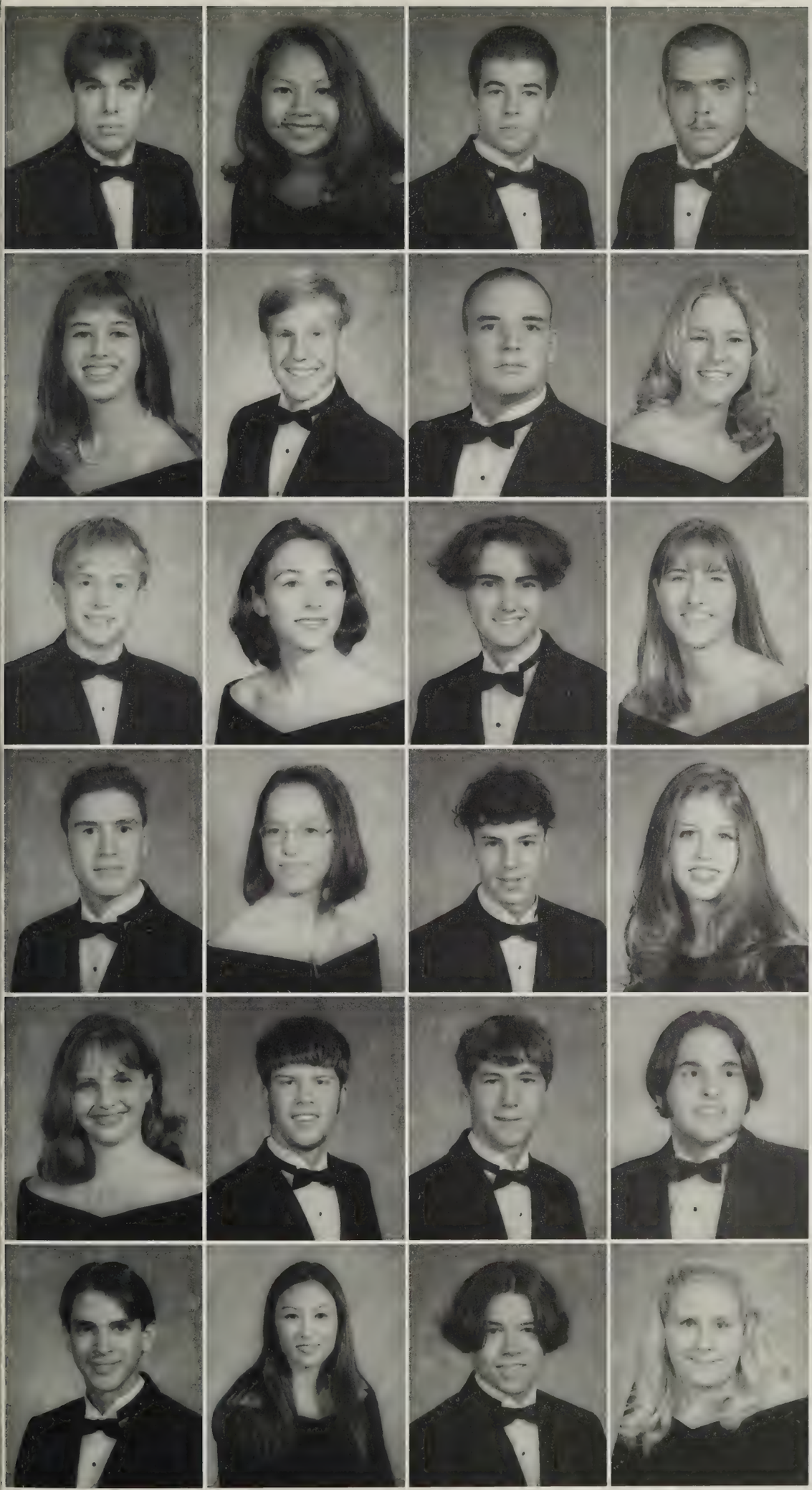
Stress was a part of many seniors' lives. They relieved it in any way they could.



After finishing his test in German III, Erik Stinson takes a nap. "We had just taken a test that really stressed me out. Taking a nap helped me to relax," Erik said. Extra time in class was rare and seniors used it when they could to unwind.



Before school, Samedy Mang takes time to catch up on the book she was reading for enjoyment. "I got to school early and I had a lot of time, so I thought I'd relax by reading," Samedy said. Seniors used what valuable time they had to do things they enjoyed.



BRETT PATRICK MAGUIRE
Football 10, 11; Wrestling 9, 10; TSA 9, 10, 11, 12

SAMEDY MANG
Track mgr. 10, 11, 12; Chorus 9, 10

JACOB SIMEON MARTIN
HOSA vp 11, pres. 12;

RALPH BROOKS MASON
Golf 9, 10, 11, 12; VICA 11, 12

MARY ALISON MAST
Field Hockey 9, 10, 11, 12; SADD 9, 10, 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; FCA 10, 11, 12

TIMOTHY JOEL MATTSON
FCA 10, 11, 12; Wrestling 9, 10, 11, 12; Newspaper 11, 12; Cross Country 11, 12; Debate 9, 10

DANIEL FRED MCADAMS II
Football 9, 11, 12; Wrestling 11, 12; Track 10, 11, 12; FCA 11, 12; Chorus 9, 10, 11, 12

CHRISTINE M. MCBRIDE

KEVIN ANDREW MCCLELLAN
Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12; Key Club 9, 10, 11, 12; Varsity Club 10, 11, 12; Newspaper 10, 11, 12; FBLA 12

MINDY KAY MCDANIEL
New Horizons 11

MARC NATHAN MCGARRY
Band 9, 10, 11, drum capt. 12

RACHEL ELIZABETH MCGRAW
Field Hockey 9, 10, 11; Track 9, 10; Band 9, 10, 11, drum major 12

PAUL MICHAEL MINER
New Horizons 11, 12; VICA 12

LARISSA MARIE MONTALVO
Key Club 12; Int'l Club 12; FHA 12; FBLA 12; Special Friends 9, 12

RYAN FORREST MONTGOMERY
New Horizons 11, 12

NICOLE MARIE MOREHOUSE
Color Guard 10, 11; Garnet and Gold 11, 12; Special Friends 12; Acappella 10

TAYLOR LEIGH MORGAN
Acappella 10, 11, 12; Soundsation 12; Who's Who 12

THOMAS GRADY MORGAN
Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12; Golf 11; Basketball 10, 11; Yearbook 12

THOMAS P. MYER

DAVID ANTHONY NADOLNY
Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12; TSA 9, 10, 11, 12

JEFFREY MICHAEL NORRIS
Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Track 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 12; Mu Alpha Theta 11, 12; NHS 11, 12

PAM E. OWENS
New Horizons 11; HOSA 11; FHA 9, 10

ROBERT CORY PAGE

HEATHER LYNN PARKER
FHA 9, 10, 11, 12; Special Friends 10

After a long day of school, Chris Fortier inspects his Lego City. "I started this hobby in 1983, and never felt a need to take my city down," Chris said. Chris' city grew larger throughout the year.

During class, Marc McGarry finds time to play a quick game of Tetris on his calculator. "Sometimes class loses all interest for me, so I turn to my calculator for amusement," Marc said. Marc won the game and broke his old score of 11,896.





JON I. PARKER
Governor's School 11, 12; OM 9, 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 11, 12; Academic Challenge 11; Soccer 12

NICHOLAS W. PERDUE

TAMMI LEE PEROK
Softball 9, 10, 11, capt. 12; Cheerleading 10, 11, 12; Homecoming Queen 12; Varsity Club 11, 12; Special Friends 12

JAMISON SCOTT POTTER
Football 9, 10, 11, 12; FCA 11, 12



JAMIE LEE PRICE

LINDSEY BRIANNE REINHOLDT
Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12; Special Friends 9; Track 9, 10

ELIZABETH ANNE RENDER
Volleyball 9, 10, 11, 12; Soccer 10, 11, 12; Jazz Choir 10, 11, 12; Cross Country 11, 12; NHS 11, 12

AMY DENISE RICHARDSON
Garnet and Gold 9, 10, 12; Soundsation 11, 12; Acappella 11, 12; Co-op 11, 12



NINA NICOLE RICHARDSON
Volleyball 9, 10, 11, capt. 12; SCA 9, 10, 11, vp12; Varsity Club 11, tres. 12; Baketball 9, 10, 11; SADD 11, tres. 12

CHRISTOPHER PAUL ROBBINS
Newspaper 11, 12; Int'l Club 10; TSA 10, 12

JASON EDWARD ROBINSON
SADD 12; VICA 12; FBLA 12

ALEXIS BAILEY ROSS
Swimming 10, capt. 11, 12; Track 10, capt. 11, 12; Cross Country 10, 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; Key Club 10, 11, 12



Free times

By Nathan Holst

> *"I like to take care of my Lego City. It was a collection I started when I was 5, and just kept growing until it had 14,000 pieces."*

Free time. It's the precious time students have all to themselves. It isn't spent in a classroom, writing reports, or doing homework. Just how did seniors spend their free time?

They used their free time to rest and catch up on their sleep. "Usually, when I have spare time, I like to rest because I don't have much spare time," Jason Verser said.

Relaxation was an activity Nick Guthrie indulged in. "I like to slack off as much as possible. Usually I play video games and role-playing games," Nick said.

Curling up with a good book was another favorite activity when free time was to be had among seniors. "I like to read science fiction books, like *The Dune Chronicles*, whenever I have spare time," Jeremy Bloxom said.

Spare time includes gathering with friends, working on hobbies, relaxing

Spending time actively outdoors was another outlet of relaxation. "I like to go off-roading with trucks. I also enjoy golfing because I can knock the heck out of the ball," Larry Lord said.

Seniors also enjoyed spending time on the water. "I like to go sailing for the excitement of the boat crashing over the waves," Trevor Alsbrooks said.

Spare time was also used for hobbies. "I like to take care of my Lego City. It was a collection I started when I was 5, and just kept growing until it had 14,000 pieces. It gives me satisfaction that I could create an entire city in detail from Legos," Chris Fortier said.

Seniors found free time and used it many different ways throughout the year.



JAMES ALAN ROYSTER
SCA 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; Key Club 11, 12; Special Friends 12; Newspaper 12

ELIZABETH ASHLEIGH SCHULLER
SCA 11, hist.12; Girls' State 11; Forensics 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; Newspaper 10, 11, editor-in-chief 12

DAVID ROBERT SCOTT
FBLA 12

SANDRA HELENA SHANDOR
Homecoming Court 10; Key Club 11, 12; Chorus 9, 10, 11, 12; Garnet and Gold 12

NORMAN DAVID SHANNON
SCA 11, rec. sec. 12; NHS 11, 12; Key Club 10, 11, 12; FBLA 11, 12; Mu Alpha Theta 11, 12

CHRISTOPHER CHAD SHELTON
Soccer 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; FBLA 10, pres. 11; FCA 11, 12; Key Club 11, 12

LORRI RENEE SINGLETON
Chorus 9, 10, 12; Athletic Trainer 9, 10; SCA 9, 10, 12; Thespian 10, 12; Field Hockey 9, 10

CHRISTIE SMITH

WADE SPRING

JENNIFER NICOLE STALLINGS
Soccer 10,11, 12; Soundsation 10, 11, 12; FCA 10, 11, 12; SADD 12; Who's Who 11

TARA ROSE STARNER
Garnet and Gold 11, sec. 12; Soundsation 9, 10, 11, 12; Acappella 9, 10, 11, 12; Key Club 11; Special Friends 10, 11

RIKKI LYNN STETSON
Softball 9, 10, 11; Field Hockey 9, 10, 11; FHA 10, 11, pres. 12; Tennis 12

Hot jobs

By Kathleen Kreiger

June, July, and August. No teachers, books, or homework. So what is there to do? Work.

Living on the water, students worked at nearby seafood plants. "I worked at Haywood Forrest Seafood and it smelled really bad. All day we dumped crabs, cleaned crabs, and cooked crabs. After a while I got really tired of crabs," Tyler Evans said.

Summer jobs offered a physical workout. "I worked at Nalt & Plant. It was tough carrying all those boxes of bottled water, but I gained a body from it," Cory Groseth said.

Students were forced to get along with their co-workers. "I was a cashier at Ben Franklin. I hated it because I worked with old people," April Weaver said.

Moving furniture before the start of school gave students a chance to work. "I helped out at the high school moving furniture for the first couple of weeks. The pay was good but I won't do it again because I didn't like being bossed around by my teachers outside of school," Jamie LaRue said.

> *"The pay was good but I won't do it again because I didn't like being bossed around by my teachers outside of school."*

Summer jobs bring money, experience, personal fulfillment

Students often remembered their favorite customer. "I worked at Chicken-N-Pork during the summer. It was OK, even though the air conditioning was broken. My favorite customer was a troll-looking guy with bleached blonde hair, a red goatee and a white Celica," Peter Anderson said.

No matter what the distance or working conditions were, seniors worked during the summer in a wide variety of jobs.



During the summer, Jodi Koenig plays with the children at Playtime. "I love working at Playtime. I enjoy being with kids and helping them learn new things. I also love the hours. I don't work any later than 6 during the week, and I don't work weekends,"Jodi said.

At Subway, Mike Artis finishes making a sandwich by adding the last few pickles. "I love working at Subway. It is a really easy job, and I like working by myself. I get to hang with a lot of my friends while I work," Mike said.

While working at the Poquoson Pool, Jason Koptish spots someone who is breaking a rule. "When you work at a community pool such as the Poquoson Pool, you deal with all sorts of troublemakers. For the most part I tried to be cool to the patrons, but sometimes you've got to put your foot down," Jason said. Working in the summer gave seniors a chance to have extra pocket money during the year.





ERIK JOSEF STINSON
Track 9, 10, 11; Key Club 9, 10, 11, 12, Band 9, 10, 11, 12

STACEY TOPPING STONE
SCA 9, 10, 11; Softball 9, 10; Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12; FCA 12; Varsity Club 11, 12

CHRISTA MICHELLE STUTT
SCA 9, 10, cor. sec. 11, pres. 12; Field Hockey 9, 10, capt. 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; Newspaper 10, 11, 12; Key Club 9, 10, 11, 12

AMY LEE SUTHERLAND
FBLA 11, 12; Key Club 12

CHRISTOPHER ROBERT SWAIN
Key Club 12; FBLA 11, 12

JOSEPH WAYNE THOLL
New Horizons 11, 12; HOSA 11, 12; VICA 12; Special Friends 11

BETH ANN THOMAS
Softball 9, 10, 11, capt. 12; Volleyball 9, 10, 11, capt. 12; Yearbook 10, 12, editor-in-chief 11; SCA 9, 10, 11, 12; Class VP 10, 11, 12

CRYSTAL MARIE THRASHER
Newspaper 10, 11, 12; Key Club 10, 11, 12; Basketball 10, 11; Track 10, 11, 12; NHS 11, 12

Few privileges

By Arinn Johnson

Parking spaces and early lunch, two privileges that seniors took advantage of every day. However, they still complained about their privileges.

Some seniors wished that they could have senior skits. "I really wish that this year we could have senior skits. It's not fair that we are punished for somebody else's actions. I think it would be cool to do a senior skit," Nicole Morehouse said.

Early lunch was one of the privileges seniors still complained about. Many seniors wanted more than 2 minutes before lunch. "I don't think it's fair how seniors don't get to leave five minutes early for lunch. I think your senior year should include more privilege than what we have," Nicole Krakowski said.

"There is a lack of senior privileges but what else could they give us? We shoud be thankful for what we have."

Senior privileges include first choice parking spaces, early lunches, togas

Seniors believed that they should have been given a chance before the privileges were taken away. "It is unfair that our privileges were taken away without even giving us a chance. If the senior class is not mature enough to handle the privileges, then they ca take them away, but only after they have given us a chance," Jennifer Kennedy said.

Even though there was a lack of privileges, some seniors were happy with what they had. "There is a lack of senior privileges but what else could they give us? We should b thankful for what we have," Jason Camden said.

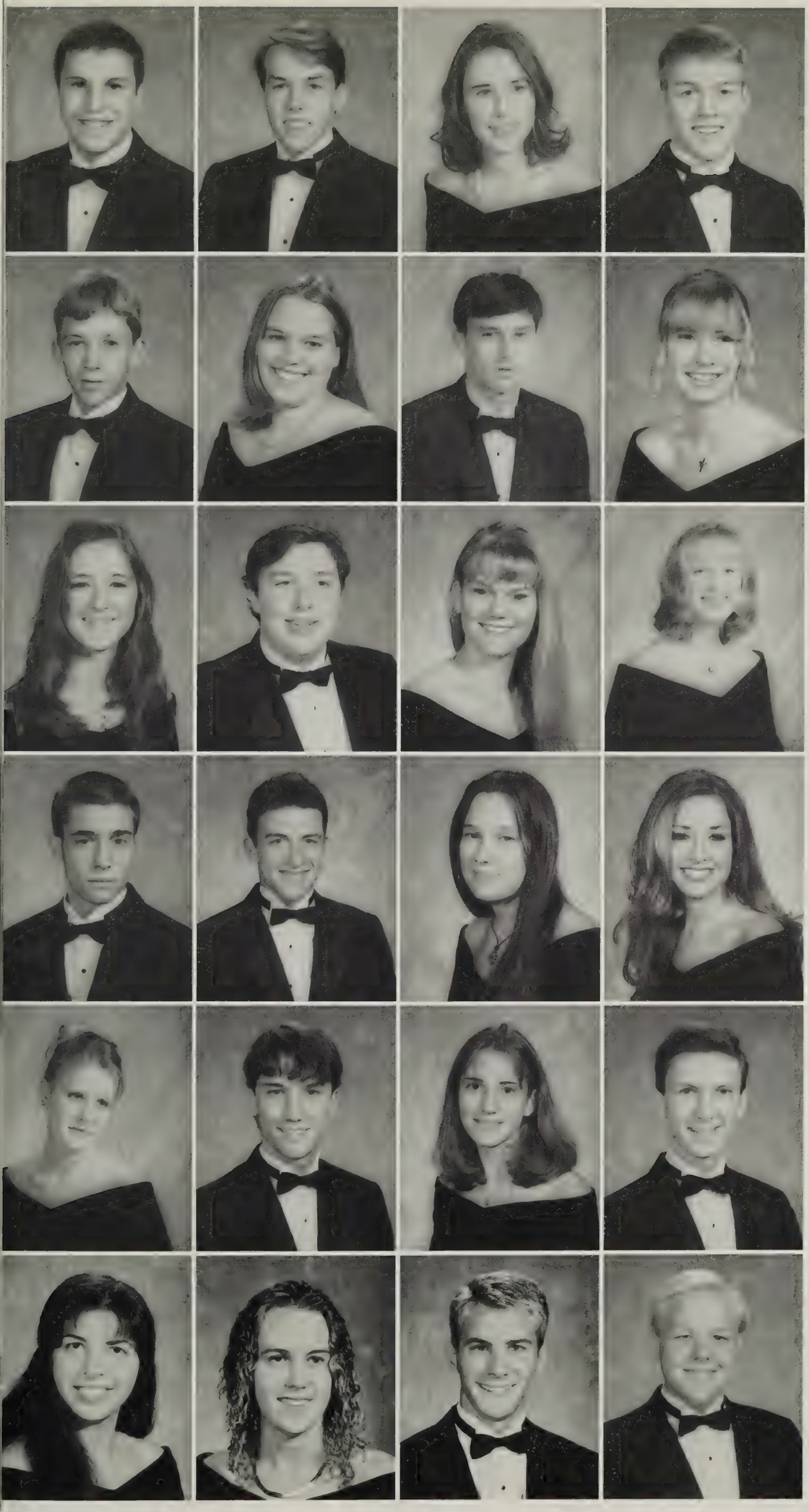
Privileges were often talked about among seniors. This issue might never satisfy everybody, but it was important to seniors.



Being able to park closer to school made it easier for Lindsey King to get to school on time. "It's easier to park in the parking lot because it's a lot shorter walk so I don't freeze when it's cold and don't have to walk through mud when it rains," Lindsey said. Seniors were given first priority to buy a parking space.



Waiting for the rest of their friends, Jamison Potter and T.J. Kegl talk about football practice. "The three extra minutes give us time to talk about football and other things that have happened that day," Jamison said. Having three minutes before lunch started let seniors talk with friends.



DAVID B. TOMLINSON

MICHAEL STEPHEN TOPPING
New Horizons 11, 12; Track 11

REBECCA ANN TURBISH
SCA 9, 11, 12, rec. sec. 10; Field Hockey 9, 10, 11, capt. 12; Soccer 10, 11, 12; Special Friends 9, 10, 11, 12; NHS 11, 12

JASON SCOTT VERSER
Track 9; Football 10; Boys' State Nominee 11; Special Friends 12

JOSHUA M. VEST

CRYSTAL C. WARD

DAVID JOSEPH WARD
Wrestling 9, 11, 12; Football 9

JENNIFER LEIGH WARD
Mixed Chorus 9, 12; Track mgr. 10, 11, 12

KIMBERLY DAWN WATKINS
Garnet and Gold 9, 10, 12; Soundsation 11; Acappella 11; Special Friends 9; FHA 12

BRETT MICHAEL WATTS
Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Newspaper 12

APRIL DIANE WEAVER
Key Club 11; FCA 11; Cheerleading 9, capt. 10, 11, 12; SADD 11

RANDI LEE WEBB
Softball 9, 10, 11, 12; Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12; SCA 9, 10, 11; Class Pres. 9; Happy Club 9, 10

MICHAEL PAUL WELSH
New Horizons 11, 12; Football 9, 10

GERALD TAYLOR WESCOTT
Football 10

CRYSTAL GAYLE WEST

TIFFANY DAWN WEST
Key Club 11, 12; FBLA 9, 12; Homecoming Court 9, 11, 12; Special Friends 11, 12

NATALIE MARIE WEVER
VICA 11; Key Club 11

LELAND BRADLEY WHITE

MIRANDA HOPE WICHELNS
Cross Country 9, 10, 11, capt. 12; Track 9, 10, 11, 12; German Academy 11; NHS 11, 12; Lit. Mag. 11

MATTHEW LEON WILLIAMS
Track 10, 11, 12; Academic Challenge 10, 11, 12; NHS 11, 12; Mu Alpha Theta 11, 12; Gaming Club 12

TOMMA LYNN WINDER
Special Friends 11, 12; NHS 11, hist. 12; Anatomy Aide 12; Int'l Club 11; Va Math League 12

AMANDA JOHANNA WYNN
NHS 11, 12; FBLA 10, 11, 12; FHA 9, 11, 12, pres. 10; SCA 9, 10, 11, 12; Special Friends 9, 10, 11, 12

JARRETT PARKER YEHLEN
Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12; Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12; Key Club 10, 11, 12

CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL YOUNG
Thespian 10, 11, 12; Forensics 9, 10, 11, 12; Newspaper 10, 11, 12; Academic Challenge 10, 11, 12;

Distant homes

By Kathleen Kreiger

> *"I've lived here for eighteen years. I want to go someplace where not everybody knows me. The only things I'll miss are my friends and family."*

Imagine a new place with no parents. Think about cooking for yourself all the time and not being told what to do.

Students were ready to leave but feared they would miss friends and family. "I've lived here for eighteen years, I'm ready to leave. I want to go someplace where not everybody knows me. The only thing I'll miss is my friends and family," Randi Webb said.

Due to Poquoson being so small, seniors looked forward to a new environment. "I have lived in Poquoson for a long time, and going away to college sounds like fun, but I will always miss all my friends and all my old girlfriends. Poquoson is a small city, and I'm

First time without parents generates fright, excitement, adventure

ready for a large city, so not everyone will know everything you do. The college I want to go to is Virginia Tech, and there are about 25,000 other students there," David Scott said.

Leaving friends behind was a factor in deciding where to go to college. "I don't want to go away because I don't want to be away from my friends. I'd miss them," Bonnie Cannon said.

Seniors looked for a school far enough away to be on their own, but close enough to be able to come home and visit on weekdays. "I've always wanted to go far away from home, but I'm scared I'll get homesick. I want to go away but I also want to be able to come home and see them on weekends when I want to," Jason Verser said.

Seniors had to choose whether to go away or stay home to attend college.



Waiting for school to start, Jenny Stallings socializes with her siblings. "Since we all go to high school together, we have grown a lot closer. Now that I am going to leave them behind and go to college, I am going to miss them both terribly," Jenny said.



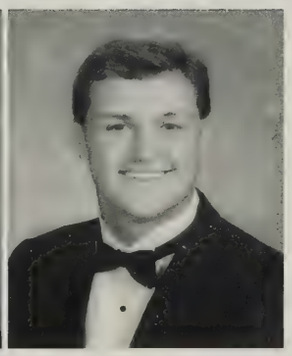
Standing in the hall, seniors Taylor Morgan, Nicole Morehouse, and Jennifer Ward talk in between classes. "I am really going to miss my friends. We have shared a lot of good times together, but I look foward to getting away," Taylor said.

In her kitchen, Nina Richardson rubs her dog's stomach. "I know when I go away to college I am going to miss my dog, Sadie. I have had her since seventh grade," Nina said.









JOYCE WON-KAI YUE
NHS 11, tres. 12; Mu Alpha Theta 11, sec. 12; FHA hist. 9, 10, 11; Science Fair Award 9, 10, 11, 12; Va Math League 9, 11, 12

RICHARD BRYAN ZASIMOWICH JR
ROBERT SHAYNE ZASIMOWICH
Chorus 9, 10, 11, 12; Drama 10; VICA 11, 12; Co-op 11, 12

NOT PICTURED

MICHAEL BUNTING
SAMUEL CHOI
AUTUMN DAVIS
ROBERT DORSEY
BRANDON FITZPATRICK
STEPHANIE FRAZIER
FREDERICK GRAEF
DAVID LAYTON
JAMES LAYTON
KATHERINE MARTIN
SHAWN MEADOR
JAMES PIERCE
ADAM SCHWEITZER
STEPHANIE STAVRAKIS
BRIAN STRODE
JAMES ZIMMERMAN

Stunned

Red faces, stories, laughs result from awkward, uncomfortable occurrences

by Lia Farina

What was the most embarrassing moment of your life? Did you feel like disappearing?

Some students felt this way and were embarrassed to discuss it. "When a friend and I went to Busch Gardens, I saw this really hot group of guys, so my friend and I started yelling at them. I was not paying attention, and tripped over her foot and fell. The guys started laughing," junior Jennifer Tomlin said.

Although a student had an embarrassing moment, it was a funny story to remember. "Me and a group of friends were at the mall when crazy looking guys started whistling at us. We got scared and started running into a store with our heads turned backwards. We ran into a table and knocked everything over," freshman Leigh Jenkins said.

Students found embarrassing moments and situations hilarious when they happened to others. "My date for Sadie Hawkins was sitting on the tables and when the tables slipped right out from underneath him he made the tables behind him flip too," freshman Heather Schellhorn said.

Sometimes childhood memories were embarrassing. "In first grade, I peed in my pants because my teacher would not let me go to the bathroom. I was so ashamed that I did not even go out for lunch," junior Jamie Rogers said.

Whether they wanted to admit them or not, students experienced these unpleasant moments and found they made great memories.



Topple Over. Embarrassing moments often took place at school. "I was reaching down to pick up my pencil, leaned down too far, and my desk flipped. I was so embarrassed and every one was laughing," sophomore Jenny Shores said. Although not a pleasant moment, laughing along with the others was the best way to get over it.





Jonathan Abell 10
Michael Akers 11
Whitney Allen 10
John Anderson 11
George Anderson 10
Brian Andriliunas 09
Stacy Auman 09
Marissa Austin 10

Ellen Ayers 09
Yoshika Azuma 11
Danielle Backus 11
Skip Banton 10
Jesse Barber 11
Michael Bargeman 10
Barbara Barthelmy 11
Brandi Bates 09

Sally Beazlie 10
David Becker 10
Samantha Belanger 11
John Bell 11
Kevin Bell 09
John Bellamy 09
Robert Bellamy 10
Diana Benner 10

Teresa Betts 11
Brian Bielenberg 09
Aaron Bird 10
Leanne Birdsall 09
Luke Biron 11
Tiffany Black 09
Brian Bloxom 09
Katherine Boddy 10

Jennifer Bookwalter 11
Curtis Booth 10
Renee Booth 11
Kathleen Boyle 11
Valerie Brauer 11
Matthew Britt 11
Tiffany Britt 09
Christopher Brown 10

Jennifer Brown 11
Joshua Brown 09
Lara Brown 11
Samuel Brown 10
Ashley Brownley 11
Lindsey Bryant 09
Tiffany Buchholz 09
Melanie Buckley 11

Crystal Bullard 10
Jamie Bundlie 11
Brian Bunting 10
Grayson Bunting 11
Brian Bunting 11
Tara Bunting 09
Krystal Busse 10
Michael Butler 11

Brandon Call 09
Mandy Camblin 09
Christina Campbell 10
Jennifer Caratachea 09
Melissa Card 10
Brittany Carlson 09
Alan Carmine 09
Amanda Carmony 11

Tabitha Carmony 10
Amber Carr 09
Casie Carr 10
Ashley Carter 09
David Carter 10
Colleen Casey 09
April Cassell 09
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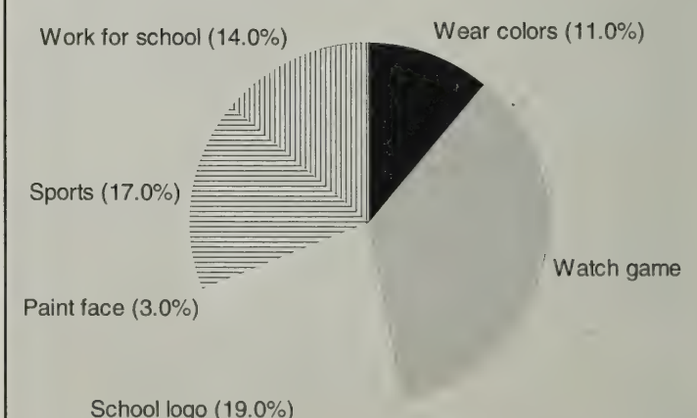
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James Corbett 09
Daniel Corneliussen 09
Amber Costello 10
Danielle Cote 10
Ann Stuart Cox 10



Paint Faces. During class, sophomore Josh Lemmons sits in the gym and allows junior Britney Compton to paint his face for the homecoming pep rally. "More people wanted to get involved in the pep rally, so I brought some of my maroon and gold face paint and shared it with my friends," Britney said. Students painted their graduation years and the school initials across their cheeks to demonstrate school spirit.

"What are the ways you show school spirit?"



A random survey of 100 underclassmen



Spirited

School , community pride shines at pep rallies, parades, spirit days

by April Klaassen

Screaming at pep rallies, cheering at games, dressing in strange clothes, decorating in maroon and gold, and seniors sporting togas.

These were ways students displayed school spirit to classmates and the community.

Showing school spirit proved enjoyable for students. "Having school spirit is so much fun! Some people don't get into it and don't know what they are missing," junior Stephanie Skinner said.

Traditional spirit events and class competitions enthused and entertained students. "The spirit stick and pep rallies are a good idea. It is so great to watch each class compete in hopes of winning the spirit stick," sophomore Casie Carr said.

Dress-up days were a favorite among students. "Tacky day is my favorite spirit day because I like to see people who dress crazy," sophomore Melissa Fishman said.

However, not everyone agreed that school spirit even existed. "Nobody shows enough spirit here. I understand that we live in Poquoson, but if we had a little more enthusiasm, it wouldn't be so bad," junior Teresa Betts said.

Whether it was by dressing crazy or screaming loudly, students displayed school and class spirit. Although some missed out, enthusiasm continued, and the fun still lived on.



Make Music. A highlight of homecoming spirit week was watching the school clubs and community organizations that marched in the local homecoming parade,saluting the school and city. The Islander band donned a top hat and dark shades along with their uniform to play music from *The Blues Brothers*. Sophomore David Mattson passes onlookers while playing his trumpet.

Stephen Cox 09
Erin Crabtree 09
Joshua Craig 11
Christopher Crawford 11
Katie Creecy 11
Justin Crockett 09
Gregory Dancy 09
Kurry Daniel 10

Kathleen Daniell 09
Chelsea Daniels 09
Cory Dannels 11
Nicholas Davenport 09
Sara Davenport 10
Jenny David 09
Elizabeth Davis 10
Krystal Davis 09

Theresa Davis 10
Nathan Dawson 10
Kevin Dean 09
William Dearman 11
Greg Deaver 11
Shaunak Deepak 09
Sara Deihl 11
Michael DeRyder 11

Benjamin Desper 10
John Dewey 09
Brian Dewitt 09
Branden Diggs 10
Charles Diggs 11
Christine Diggs 11
Gregory Diggs 11
Jason Divis 09

Paul Dixon 09
Rebecca Dockens 09
Amy Doernte 10
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Robert Dotson 11
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Jesse Dunlap 11
Kristin Durham 09
James Eastep 09
Charles Edwards 10
Jason Edwards 09
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Beth Emmert 10
Brian Eng 11

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Christopher Evans 10
Cori Evans 09
Jessica Evans 09
Raychel Evans 11
Amy Fairchild 10
Daniel Farmer 10
Steven Feigh 11

Eden Fenigsohn 09
Michael Ferguson 11
Tiffany Ferrell 10
Amy Ferry 09
Ryan Ferry 11
Richard Fiedler 10
Vincent Figuenick 10
Justin Finch 10



Studious

Test format , class difficulty influence amount of study time

by Jama Tysarczyk

There was a test or quiz the next day.

The biggest dilemma on students' mind was how to study or whether to study at all.

Looking at the whole picture before deciding whether to study proved a useful technique. "It all depends on how hard the test is or how well I'm doing in the class," freshman Megan Mabe said.

The difficulty level of the test or quiz determined the amount of studying. "I usually study right before a quiz, unless it is a big test, then I study the night before. Flash cards are a big help if there is a lot of information," sophomore Jamie Maxwell said.

The five minutes between classes served as a great time for last-minute cramming. "I study right before the test, but if it is a really big test, I study the night before," freshman Kris Spring said.

In order to be prepared, studying well in advance produced the best results. "I study every night, but I make extra effort before tests and quizzes," junior Beth Winder said.

Some classes took priority over others. "I usually study for my advanced classes first, and then study for my easier classes," sophomore Jenny Shores said

When students asked themselves whether or not to study, their own priorities and personal choice factored into the decision.



Flashcards. Reviewing note cards allowed friends to quiz one another on material they later need to know for a test. Using the moments just before the opening bell rang, junior Ashley Brownley calls out questions for an upcoming history test to junior Jennifer Chung. "Just making the flash cards helps me learn the material. I have a shoe box full of flash cards that I have saved from past classes just in case I need the information again," Ashley said. Flash cards made it easy for students to carry around with them the material they needed to study.

Scary

by Michelle Marshall

Frightening situations, animals, people cause chattering teeth, piercing screams



Bridges, water, snakes, and spiders. What are you afraid of? Whether in or out of school, phobias and fears were things students worried about and confronted every day.

Animals seemed to be a popular fear. "I am deathly afraid of swimming in deep ocean water because giant squid might bite off my legs," sophomore Jenny Martin said.

Students often thought one particular animal was scariest. "I think spiders are the most common phobia because everyone I know is afraid of them. I think it's because they're creepy and sneak up on you. I have to kill them for my friends because they are so afraid," sophomore Ross Hudgins said.

Others found themselves dealing with their fears inside their own house. "I am afraid of peeping Toms or prowlers around my house. At night, I shut the shades when I go into a room," junior Nicole Hicks said.

When it came to fearing older siblings, sometimes money was an issue. "I fear my brother asking me for more money. He has no job and is getting poorer every day. He keeps asking for more, so as I get poor, he gets rich," freshman Kevin Mathis said.

There were many things students were afraid of, and they had to confront these fears in various places as a part of life.



Give Report. A common fear of students was speaking in front of their fellow classmates. In Mrs. Karen Shepherd's English class, sophomore Diana Benner glances at her notecards to find the next point for her oral book report. "Getting up in front of my class makes me nervous, but I'd much rather be in front of friends and other people I know than strangers," Diana said. Although students may have disliked oral reports, they were a regular assignment in academic classes.



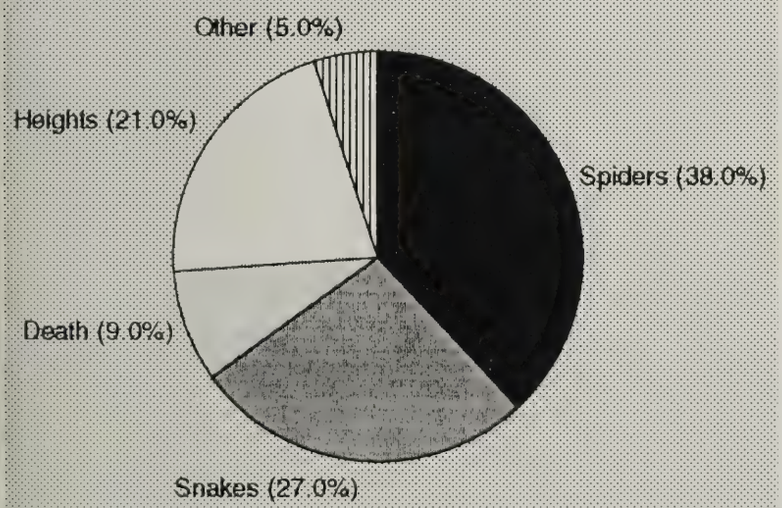
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Adam Gaskins 11

"What scares you?"



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Check Skirt. Fear existed after witnessing someone else in an embarrassing experience. Before departing for her next class, junior Mandie Kern looks over her shoulder to see if her skirt is tucked under her bookbag. "I was walking behind this girl once who had her dress bunched up behind her bookbag, and I really felt for her. From that point on, I've been really careful so that the same thing does not happen to me. It may be a dumb habit, but I'm scared that the one time I don't check, I'll be really embarrassed," Mandie said.

Suppressive

Time constraints limit length of evening schedulues, telephone time

by Matthew Fox

The look on your parents' faces as you walked in the door a half hour late was like the look on a three-hundred pound bear chasing its helpless prey.

Well, maybe that's an exaggeration, but that's exactly what some kids thought their parents would resemble if they missed their curfew.

Parent curfews were often flexible with cause but the city curfew was definite. At midnight everyone under 18 had to be inside. "I think our city curfew stinks. I got caught for sitting on my front porch," sophomore Donnie Smith said.

A curfew may only have been given if a student had a problem with being late. "I think my parents knew I wouldn't do anything. My mom persuaded my dad not to give me a curfew, but they always threatened that if I ever stayed out too late, they'd give me one," sophomore Rebecca Scott said.

Most people thought their curfews were fair. "My curfew is at 11 p.m., and that's what my brother and sister had," junior Matt Insley said.

Another type of curfew was the well-known phone curfew. "I had two phone curfews. One was at my mom's and the other at my dad's. His was much more fair, though," junior Christine Topping said.

Although curfews seemed like an attempt by parents to limit the amount of fun a student could have, most students followed the rules without complaint.



Ask Parent. When students wanted to hang out with friends after a sports game or other school event, they often telephoned their parents to let them know where they were going and what time they would be back. After the girls' basketball team ended a home game, juniors Lia Farina and Matt Britt use the school pay phone to ask for an extension on their curfew. "Lia and I were leaving the game, and I had to call my mom to find out what time she needed me home. Since it was Friday, I was hoping she would make my curfew a little later so Lia and I could go out," Matt said.





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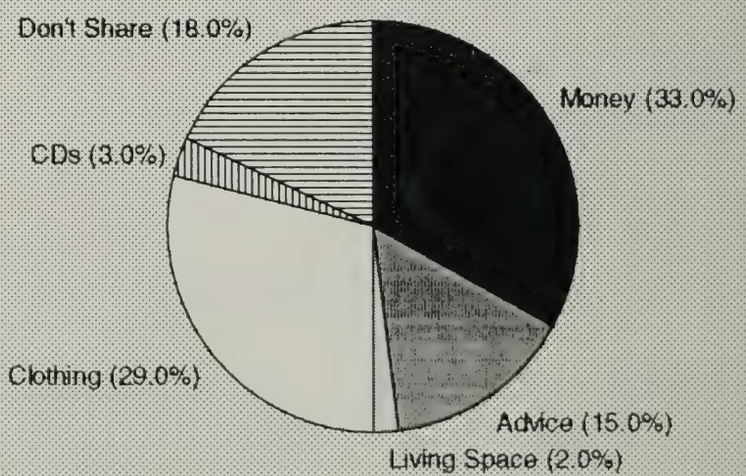
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Leslie Jones 10
Travis Jones 09
Thomas Jones 09



Offer Money. Students often shared money with siblings who were reliable about paying it back. After school, senior Shari Gross lends her sister, freshman Stacy Gross, a dollar so that she could buy a snack before going to spring sports tryouts. "Shari and I give each other money all of the time because we are each really good about paying off our debts, Plus, if Shari ever needed money at a later time, I would definitely give it to her," Stacy said. Being able to work out mutual agreements like this allowed siblings to share belongings.

"What types of things do you share with your sibling(s)?"



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Shared

Siblings offer their possessions under carefully laid rules

by Craig Gallaer

Share everything.

Author Robert Fulghum states that he learned this rule in kindergarten and carries it with him for life. Brothers and sisters, if they made it work, shared constantly in their relationships with one another.

Clothing proved to be an item siblings traded. "Because we are about the same size, my sister and I share all our clothes. It gives us a variety of things to wear. I'll let her wear my old dresses if she goes to a dance, but one item that is off limits is my shoes," junior Christine Meadors said.

When siblings shared space, they valued each other's ideas. "Sharing a room with my sister really helped me to listen to her opinions, and we shared ideas on organizing the room or solving problems," sophomore Jackie Ernzen said.

Problems arose when preset rules were violated. "My brother is a human garbage disposal. He always looks through my stuff without asking. If I want something, I just ask my parents," sophomore Casie Carr said.

Siblings discovered that as long as a mutual respect for personal property occurred, sharing possessions was both possible and beneficial.



Getting Well. Siblings who fought constantly often became best friends when one of them needed help. In an effort to cheer up her brother, senior Craig Gallaer, after his wisdom teeth operation, sophomore Lindsay Gallaer reads him some comics from a *Calvin and Hobbes* book. "Normally, I wouldn't do this for Craig, but his face was totally swollen, and he looked like he was in lots of pain. Prowler (our cat) and I decided to find something to make him smile. After his cheeks go back to normal size, I'm sure we'll go back to teasing each other again, you know, like normal siblings," Lindsay said.

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Adam Juersivich 10
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Paul Keddell 11
Allison Kehoe 09
Brittany Kelley 09
Jason Kent 10



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Katrina LaTray 09



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Cassie McDaniel 10



Special

Juniors experience tradition, enjoyment as they lock rings

by Michelle Marshall

Finally the night waited for has arrived. The long day of preparation has paid off with the lights, the music, the rings, and the kiss.... No it wasn't a wedding, it was the junior Ring Dance.

The juniors felt this was a time of unity with their classmates. "I think that turning rings is significant because you get it turned the number of times for your graduation year. The locking of my ring is something I will always remember," junior Stephanie Skinner said.

The amount of time students prepared for the dance became a factor when planning for dinner or when to meet a group. "Shannon Nobile and I got ready together. We started at noon, went and got our hair done and rushed over to Amber Normandin's house to get our make-up done. Then we put on our dresses," junior Caroline Todd said.

The class officers and others stayed after school to help decorate for the big event. "As the president, it was a very big deal to me. I really wanted everyone to enjoy the evening since I, along with other officers, put so much time into it. It was a special evening for all of us," junior class president Amber Normandin said.

The night seemed perfect and exciting for most, although some were still nervous about crossing the bridge before classmates. "I was nervous because I went with the class vice president. We went second, and they messed up my name," junior Mike Foushee said.



Turning Rings. The bridge-crossing ceremony at the junior Ring Dance provided excitement and fun for students. Junior Roger Bullard turns his date, junior Sara Deihl's, ring. Sara thought the anticipation and atmosphere made the night special. "I waited two years for my turn, and my date, the decorations, and the atmosphere made it the best dance," Sara said.

Scandalous

Idle chatter spreads unconfirmed notions quickly, secretly

by April Klaassen



She did what? He said that? No way! You will never guess what I just heard!...

Gossip and rumors were all around and spread fast. "Poquoson is horrible about rumors. Someone says something, and five minutes later the whole school knows," junior Tracie VanHeeswyk said.

Gossiping led to hurt feelings and lost friends. "It can really ruin your friendships. If someone gossips about me, they have nothing better to do with their time. I don't understand why people believe them," sophomore Jackie Ernzen said

Talking about others was seen as morally wrong. "Gossiping is wrong because it's a sin. The Bible says not to do it. Something innocent can be really serious," freshman Carolyn Meadors said.

Some students thought it was not harmful to gossip. "Gossip is okay, but rumors are usually bad. Gossip is just word getting around," freshman Jeff Parrish said.

Spreading rumors could be viewed from two angles. "When someone is gossiping about you, it stinks, but when someone is talking about someone else, it's kind of funny," junior Patrick Piercefield said.

Whether inventing rumors was fun or hurtful, students lived with its outcomes.



Read List. When auditions for the spring musical, *Grease,* ended, freshman Jennifer Mains and senior Tara Starner checked the cast list to see who received parts in the show. "I hate to gossip, but when I see who got parts in the play, I have to comment on how I think they will perform in the role or who I think should have gotten the part," Jennifer said. Getting the results from a play audition was a tense moment for those who had tried out.



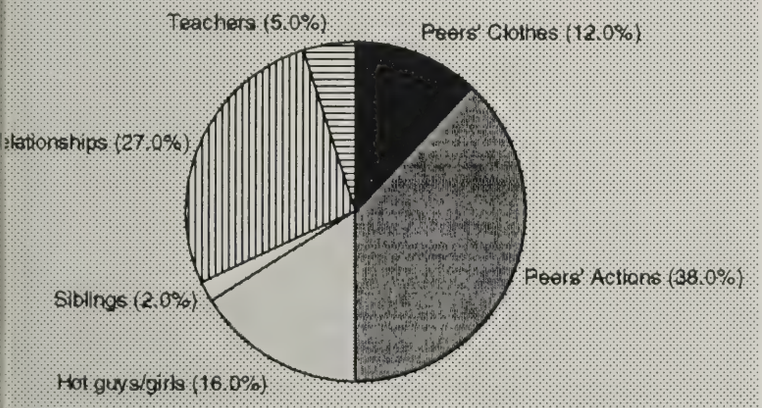
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"What are the topics you gossip about?"



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Take Note. Lunch time was used to catch up on the latest gossip. While eating, junior Alison Quenville shares a note with junior Mandie Kern that she received from a friend in class. "Since my friends and I can't talk during class we have to write each other notes so we don't miss out on anything. During lunch I always show Mandie my notes so that we can talk about them," Alison said.

Sleepless

Activities with friends, school projects keep weary eyes open

by Jama Tysarczyk

It was midnight, and then without warning it suddenly turned out to be seven in the morning. It did not matter if you were on the phone, hanging out with friends, or just hyper.

Staying up all night was shared with friends. "My friends and I stay up in my tent in the back yard and do crazy things all night," sophomore Theresa Davis said.

Not everyone stayed up late at home; some went out with their friends. "Late at night over the summer my friends in Grafton and I played laser tag. It was really cool because it was dark and there were lots of construction things around," sophomore Sara Thomas said.

Talking on the phone kept students up late, even if they were not talking to old friends. "I stayed up all night talking to this guy in Portsmouth that I've never seen before," junior Teresa Betts said.

Talking to others helped divert their attention. "I got really hyper and couldn't sleep, so I talked to someone on the phone," freshman Allison Kehoe said.

Waiting for a special program to come on had some stay up all night. "One night I stayed up to watch *Mr. Belvadeer* at 4 a.m.," freshman Kyan Mulligan said.

Catching up with old friends was another reason for people to stay up. "When my friend from New Jersey comes we stay up and talk all night," junior Maureen Sontos said.

Whether they were with friends, waiting for a program to begin, or talking on the phone, many students had a brush with staying up all night.



Avoid Sleep. With a chemistry test coming the next day, sophomores Lisa Schwenneker and Whitney Allen stay up late to prepare. "Lisa and I knew this was going to be a really hard test, and we were going to have to study so much in order to pass. There were so many notes and worksheets that we practically got no sleep," Whitney said. Occasionally students had to stay up really late in order to complete an involved project or study for a difficult test.





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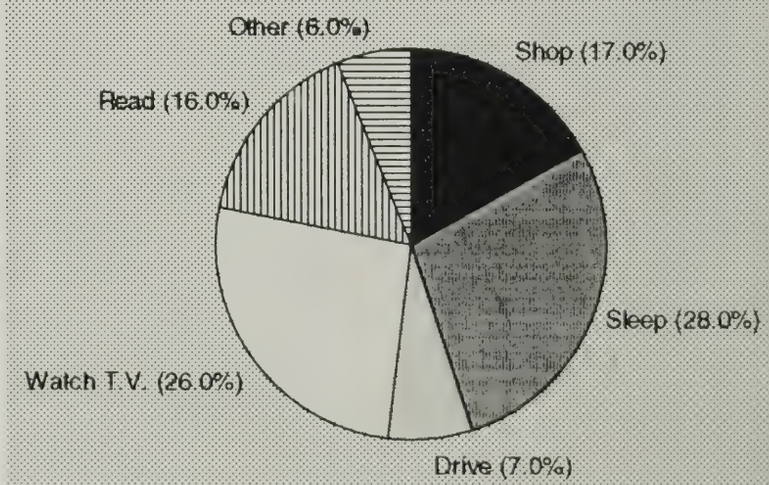
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Wait Here. After school freshman Cheyne Potrafka, having missed the bus, waits for his ride to pick him up. "Normally, I can wait outside for my ride or even meet her over at Kid's Island, but I had forgotten my rain coat, and there was no way I was going to stand out there and get soaked," Cheyne said. On rainy days, students waiting after school could often be found waiting by the doors instead of sitting outside.

"What do you do on a rainy day?"



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Soaked

by Lia Farina

Precipitation forces change of plans, cancellation of events

You woke up with the drops sounding on the window. It was late but still dark because of the bad weather. Any outdoor plans were instantly cancelled.

Whether a week day or weekend, unexpected rain gave the day a different perspective.

Some students found rainy days as a good opportunity to do things they did not get the chance to do otherwise. "I love rainy days because I go outside with my brother or alone and play with the water for a while. I got sick after doing that a couple of times, but the fun was worth it," junior Suchi Vatsa said.

Sun lovers thought of rainy days as boring and even depressing ones. "I need the sun and warm weather to complete my day. Rainy days are always a good time to stay at home with some friends, but everything is more fun when we don't get wet," junior Mark Hunter said.

Experiences in the rain created funny stories. "During the northeaster my sister was walking through the field and stepped in a puddle that came to her mid thigh! She came home drenched!" junior Christine Meadors said.

It was each student's choice to make the best of a rainy day.



Leak Water. On their way to class, juniors Lindsay Lane, Suchi Vatsa, and Jennifer Bookwalter stop to watch the rain dripping into a bucket from a hole in the ceiling. "I thought the roof was supposed to be fixed this past summer, but every time we have a rainstorm, the halls are just filled with buckets catching water," Lindsay said. In wet weather students had to be careful where they walked inside the building so that they did not get hit by any drops from the leaking ceiling.

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Sluggish

by Matthew Fox

Early morning class offers exhausting option to underclassmen needing credits

It is still dark. It does not even look like the building is open. It seems like no one is there. Suddenly, a bus pulls in and lets off some weary-eyed students.

The early morning seventh period class was an option for students who wanted extra credit and a requirement for certain underclassmen.

With new state requirements for graduation, taking a seventh period was required for the freshman class. "It's really not fair that in the past freshmen got to choose and we are made to take this class. I have last lunch, and that's the worst when you have a seventh hour," freshman Jeff Parrish said.

Morning people enjoyed seventh period. "I like seventh hour because I go to bed early and am wide awake in the morning. It's tough when you start your day with a big test, though," freshman Chris McClendon said.

The class students took during seventh hour made a difference as to whether they liked the idea. "If you have a tough subject like geometry and history, then seventh hour is horrible because you have to think really hard in the morning, but if you have keyboarding or gym, it's better because you can ease into the day," sophomore Kristina Moore said.

Whether or not they enjoyed it or were required to take it, students had to learn to be awake enough to take an early morning class.



Sign Clipboard. Having missed her seventh hour class, sophomore Sara Thomas signs in tardy in the clinic. "I really have to be careful because I have to get myself up and I oversleep a lot. It's hard to get here in time for seventh hour. Still, I have to be careful that I don't get more than five absences," Sara said. Tardies accumulated quickly for students who chose sleep over seventh hour.

Sentimental

by Craig Gallaer

Recurring customs, routines at home, in school, provide fond memories, stories

The musical, *Fiddler On the Roof*, is set in a small village called Anatevka that is run by tradition. Every person has his proper place in the village, and life proceeds each day as it has the day before.

Tradition held positive and negative aspects and existed in many forms.

Tradition occurred at school during special events. "I think that the most obvious school tradition is Homecoming Week. Even though our theme changes, every class still decorates a hall and float, and there are days to dress up. Everybody looks forward to it, and it is something unique about our school," junior Amber Normandin said.

Families held their own traditions, including the vacation spots they chose. "A lot of my family lives in Granville, South Carolina, so making a trip there is almost a routine. Even though it means we may not get to see many different places when we take vacations, we like the area and can visit relatives," junior Britney Compton said.

Not every person views tradition favorably. "I don't mind tradition except when it goes overboard. It's nice doing things like they have been done, but if it stops you from trying new things, then traditions can be bad. Sometimes people don't take chances because it goes against tradition," freshman Ryan Lawson said.

Whether traditions helped or limited, the fact that almost everyone could find a tradition in his or her own life was a tradition in itself.



Rub Hair. When a student joined the forensics team, coach Mrs. Sandy Katz presented them with a toy troll - the team symbol. Rubbing the troll's head before a competition supposedly brought luck and a great forensics performance. Before the district forensics tournament, junior Curie Choi offers teammate junior Mark Rosenow a chance to touch her troll's hair as part of the good luck tradition. The pair performed that evening with Curie winning first place in Poetry Interpretation and Mark winning a first place award in Extemporaneous Speaking.





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Taking Trips

Teachers spend vacations staying active, relaxing

By Vicki Firth

What was your best vacation?

The week I spent on the Greek Island of Santorim with my cousin was a favorite vacation. There was an archeological dig and an active volcano. Inspite of a few problems, the trip turned out well.

-Helen Small

Going on vacation, spending time with the family, or just relaxing were events faculty enjoyed during the summer months.

Many teachers spent their summer either with their families or at their favorite vacation spot. "My family and I went to Nassau, the Bahamas, and Nag's Head," government and psychology teacher Mrs. Carol Zak said.

If people enjoyed their vacation at a particular spot, it was likely they returned. "We usually spend a few days in Salem's Lot, Maine. I've always liked it there because of the peace and quiet. But this summer all these weird townies kept tapping on our window and asking us to let them in. We didn't sleep for beans," science teacher Mr. Bob Gemmill said.

For some teachers, vacation offered excitement and adventure. "The best vacation we ever had was flying stand-by to 'Anywhere, USA' during spring break 1997 and ending up in Utah on the ski slopes," college reading teacher Mrs. Candice Griffin said.

Vacations also took place before the summer months. "I went to England on Spring Break, so it was a stay-at-home summer, except for taking Emily to Tech for orientation," English teacher Mrs. Karen Shepherd said.

Other than going on vacations, teachers spent time getting in shape. "My wife and I went to Las Vegas to spend time with our son. The rest of the summer I went to the health club and rollerbladed," Spanish teacher Mr. Thomas Fay said.

Whether taking vacations with the family or just relaxing, the summer months were definitely used wisely by most teachers.

Paula Bennett Art I, II, III, IV, Pot./Craft, Senior Class, Varsity Club
Donald Bock Principal
Todd Bowden Basic Alg., Boys Basketball, JV Softball, JV Girls Basketball
Susan Britt French I, II, IV, V, Junior Class
Betty Duty Bookkeeper
Bonnie Fay Eng 12AP, Eng 12, Eng 12A, English Dept. Chair

Tom Fay Span III/V, AP Span IV, Academic Challenge, Foreign Lang. Dept. Chair
John Forrest English 9, Asst. Track, Freshman Class
Barbara Freeman Trig/Intro Calc, AP Stat, Math Dept. Chair
Joyce Gaines Earth Science, SCARE
Joe Garrity Earth Science, Physics, Track, Cross Country
Debbe Goddin English 10, English 10A, Sophomore Class

Nancy Gore Alg II, AIM II, AP Calc, Math Essnt, Debate, VA Math League
Candis Griffin College Reading, Dev. Reading
Lee Ann Hartley Resources, JV Volleyball
Paula Hayes Guidance Clerk
Bill Hoggard Instr. Tech Specialist
Greg Hopkins US & VA Hist., World Geography, JV Academic Challenge

Denise Junghans World Geography, SADD
John Kain PE 9, Dr. Ed/HPE 10
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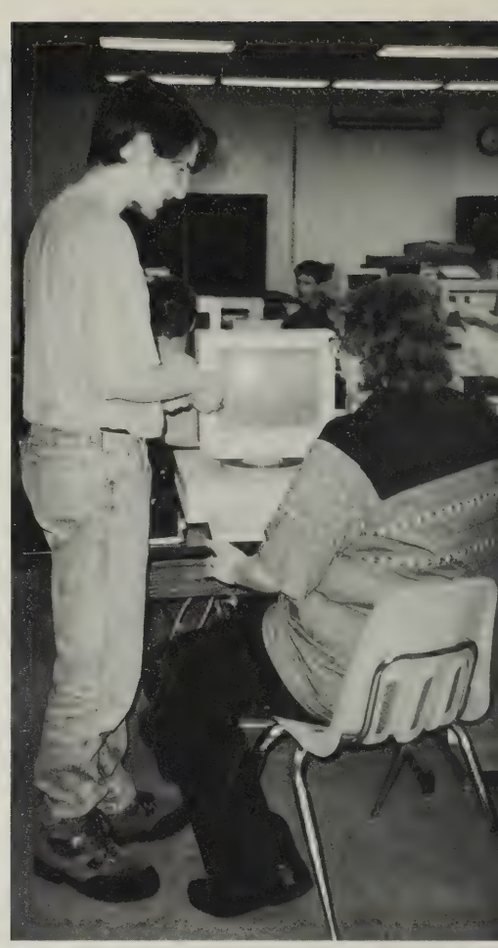
During vacation at Wintergreen, Mr. Scott LaRue cooks dinner on the grill. The LaRues went to Wintergreen with Mrs. Janet Knight and her family. "We go to the mountains on long, extended weekends. We stay at a nice cabin in the mountains and we enjoy hiking, swimming, fishing, and sightseeing," Mr. LaRue said.



At her son's wedding, Mrs. Carol Zak dances with him. "His wedding was in Melbourne Beach, Florida. I sang 'My Loving Son' to him, but I also recorded it, so we could dance to it together. It was a very poignant moment because he was going away for good," Mrs. Zak said.



At MGM Studios, Mrs. Paula Bennett stands in the *Honey I Shrunk the Kids* portion of the park. "I went there for my honeymoon. Coach Bennett and I felt like young kids again," Mrs. Bennett said.



During his sixth hour computer programming class, senior Jamie LaRue talks with his mother, Mrs. Gail LaRue. "It's no different than having any other teacher. We just ignore each other most of the time," Jamie said.



In Mrs. Linda DuBose's classroom, her son Michael helps her on the computer. "In ninth grade, I had English with her. It was annoying because she knew me, but it was okay because she could help me at home," Michael said.



At lunch, senior T.J. Kegl celebrates his birthday with his friends. "For T.J.'s birthday I surprised him by bringing out a cake and balloons at lunch. Mrs. Morrison's class came and sang 'Happy Birthday' to him. He was very embarrassed, but his friends enjoyed it because they got cake," Mrs. Jeanne Martin, T.J.'s mother, said.

Familiar Faculty

Learning different when parent teaches

By Beth Ann Thomas

"Mom...oops, I mean, Mrs. Jones, can you help me with problem 46?"

Having a parent as a teacher confused students. "I had my mom, Mrs. Martin, for math class. I wasn't allowed to talk much, like the rest of the class. I wasn't sure how to address her, either," senior T.J. Kegl said.

Students felt that it was an advantage having parents as faculty members. "Having my mother work as the nurse is great. If I need money she's always there, or if I need something signed right away. If I'm sick I don't need to try and get a hold of someone on my card," senior Lorri Singleton said.

Like other parents, teachers wanted to know the progress of their children. Because they worked with other faculty members, they had an advantage of getting this information. "My mom always finds out about what I am doing in school. She finds out about my grades and what I do after school. It gets really annoying," senior Michael DuBose said.

Students thought that the children of teachers always excelled in the subjects parents taught. "Since every teacher knows my mom, they think it is good reason to tell her whenever I do something wrong, or I don't do well or something. Also, every kid in this school thinks that she must teach me Spanish everyday, which isn't true. But if I ever need anything, she is there to give it to me. So sometimes I wish she didn't teach here but it is really nice most of the time," junior Matthew Britt said.

Having parent faculty members was difficult for students to handle. They used it to their advantage, disliked it, or just simply avoided their mothers and fathers.

What is it like having your daughter in school with you?

In the ninth and tenth grade, Amanda didn't have to ride the bus to school, but she had to come early. If she needs money or an early dismissal I am here. This year we barely see each other.

-Joan Wynn



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Exceeding Expectations

Giving back to community a benefit for coaches

BY TAMMI PEROK

Why do you take time out of your busy schedule to coach a sport?

I like to take the time to help others. I enjoy helping others achieve athletically and become confident in themselves. It's what is important to me.
-George Yeager

Teaching classes all day, putting up with students, and grading papers take time away from an individual. Just imagine having to put up with more kids after school hours.

Faculty enjoyed coaching because they enjoyed that same sport in school. "I've always enjoyed playing sports in high school and college, so coaching was a way I could continue with sports and give something back. Coaching also keeps me in touch with my students and community," varsity softball and golf coach Mr. Ed Spain said.

Teachers felt that they really got in touch with the students when they coached. They felt that they got that extra time with them. "Coaching helps me interact with students on another level, outside of school," track coach Mr. Joe Garrity said.

Neglecting their work and the students was never an option; students came first. "Teaching is my number one obligation. Although I spend a great deal of time in the gym, students are here to get a quality education first," JV girls' basketball, softball, and varsity boys' basketball coach Mr. Todd Bowden said.

Those who taught and coached had to budget their time. Between their school work, practice, and time spent with their families, something had to come first. "We budget our time by sacrificing our social life, families, friends, and organizations. A coach has little or no time for anything outside of teaching and the team. The love for the game brings the best out of all of us," varsity football assistant coach Mr. Burt Torrence said.

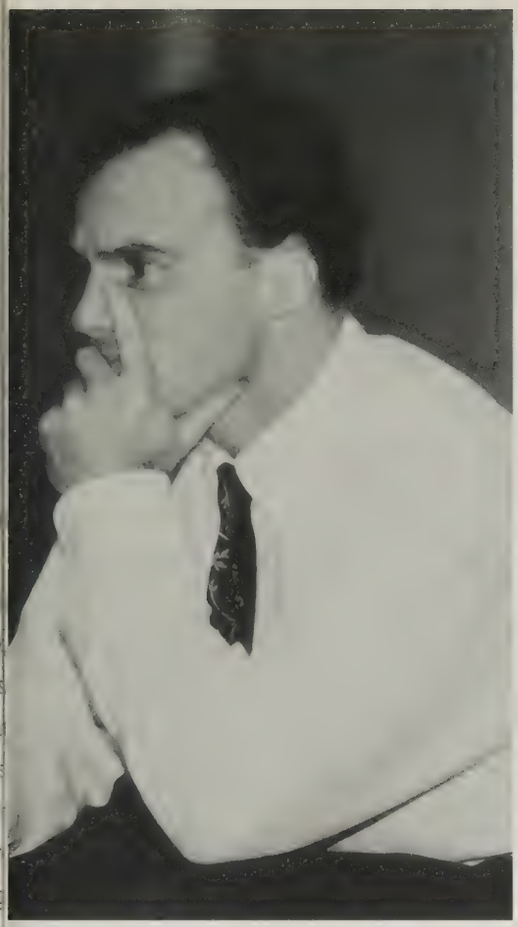
Faculty had to set aside time for their extracurricular activities. Being a coach and a teacher required time management.

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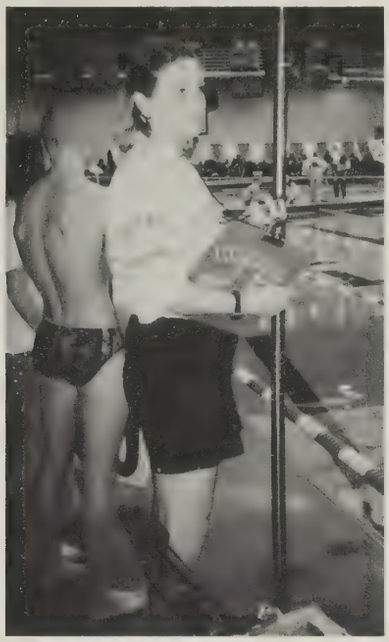
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Sitting on the side, Mr. Billy Ruff watches his team wrestle. "I have to step back sometimes and look for weaknesses in our opponents. I also look for to see what mistakes, if any, that we are making," he said.



At the state swim meet at Radford, Mrs. Terra McGonegal times her swimmers. The meet was two days long. Preliminaries were held on Friday night and finals on Saturday. The girls placed fifth in the state and the boys placed eighth.



In the middle of the game, coach Todd Bowden takes a timeout to regroup his team. "During timeouts I usually discuss strategy with my players over late game situations," Mr. Bowden said.

ON EMMAUS ROAD, SENIOR LIZ RENDER PUTS A POLITICAL PAMPHLET IN A NEWSPAPER BOX. THE GUBERNATORIAL CAMPAIGNS PROVIDED OPTIONS FOR STUDENTS WHO WANTED TO WORK IN THE COMMUNITY. "I THOUGHT GILMORE'S CAMPAIGN PROMISE 'NO CAR TAX' WAS FULL OF BOLOGNA. JUST LIKE ANY OTHER POLITICIAN, HE PROMISED AN ATTRACTIVE OFFER WITHOUT GIVING MUCH DETAIL, AND AGAIN THE FOOLISH PUBLIC WAS DECEIVED. THEY VOTED HIM IN, ONLY TO FIND THAT THE 'NO CAR TAX' WILL PROBABLY NEVER MATERIALIZE," LIZ SAID.

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Working Around the Town

Citizens improve community, adapt to changes they have made

--By Nicole Feldl

First the primary school, then the middle school, now the high school.

The community's schools had long been overcrowded. The primary school was built to accommodate kindergarten through second grade, relieving population pressures on the elementary school. Next, in 1994, extensive renovations began on the middle school. Then it was the high school's turn. *"Our class has really gotten gypped! We barely missed out on the primary school, we only got half a year with the new middle school cafeteria, and the worst was that we missed out on the new elementary school playground. My brother's class has gotten everything--they'll even get the new high school,"* ***junior Kim Harris said.***

Similarly, construction of a new library and city hall commenced around the same time as considerations were being made for the high school. *"I like the new city hall and library, but I did not support its construction. I thought it was a waste of money by an administration who knew they were on their way out. I think it could have been better spent on a new fire station, or perhaps on a new high school auditorium,"* ***senior Jeff Norris said.***

Families, individuals, and the students themselves showed that they cared about their stake in the community and were willing to take part in WORKING AROUND THE TOWN.



SITTING IN ON THE AFTER PROM STEERING COMMITTEE, MRS. SHELLY GILLISPIE AND DAUGHTER KIM GILLISPIE LISTEN TO CO-CHAIRPERSON MRS. LINDA JONES. SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT CRAIG GALLAER ALSO ATTENDED THE MEETING. "I HONESTLY HAD NO IDEA HOW MUCH TIME AND PLANNING GOES INTO THE AFTER PROM PARTY UNTIL I WENT TO SOME OF THEIR COMMITTEE MEETINGS. EVERYTHING FROM THE FOOD TO THE GAMES TO THE CASINO TO THE PRIZES HAS TO BE CAREFULLY PLANNED FROM SQUARE ONE. IT TAKES THE EFFORT OF INNUMERABLE ADULTS TO MAKE IT HAPPEN," CRAIG SAID. MANY GROUPS FROM THE COMMUNITY USED THE COMMONS TO HOLD THEIR MEETINGS. THIS PRACTICE WAS INTERRUPTED AT SOME POINTS BECAUSE OF THE CONSTRUCTION.

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Working Around the Clock

Students Work Hard on Projects, Schoolwork

By Jama Tysarczyk

Where do you go to find the most information available for a project or a quiet place to study? Students found the new library on City Hall Avenue.

The library provided a new study environment for students. "The library environment helps me work because it gives me quiet space to work in. The tables in the back provide a good study place," sophomore Jenny Shores said.

The library helped students gather information for projects. "When I do go to the library, I work on projects and school-related things. For my German project, my partner Arinn Johnson and I had to look up information on Germany. The library helped us a lot," freshman Stacy Piercefield said.

Students found other advantages to the new library. "The new library is bigger. I like it because it's closer to my house. It also has more computers and more reference materials," junior Allyson Smith said.

Some students found the modern design very appealing. "The spaciousness definitely makes the library a place I want to visit," senior Chris Fortier said.

For others, the new location proved to be more of a disadvantage. "The new location is not convenient because it is right at the speed change. Also, you have to make a conscious effort to go to the library. It was easier when it was across from the school," senior Sarah Dewey said.

Though some disagreed about the location of the new library, most agreed that they liked the new library.



The new library was used for many different purposes. One purpose was to help students work on speeches. "I usually just go to the library when I need to do reports and papers. I was looking for books about giving speeches because I was nervous about SCA elections," junior Alison Quenville said.

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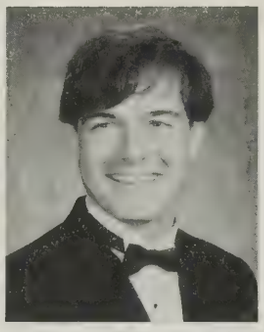
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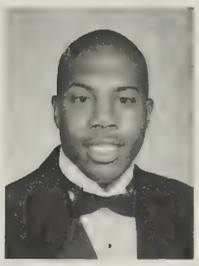


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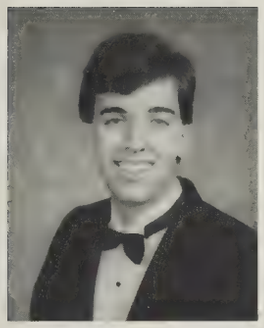
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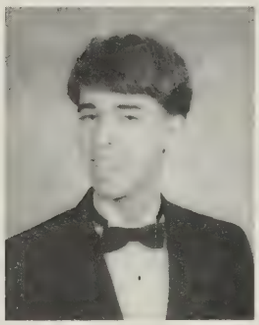
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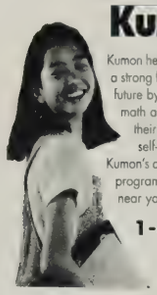
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Students Volunteer Time, Services

By Ruth Ann Hultman

Most students who have jobs are paid, but volunteering is time without pay.

Volunteering did not mean students only helped one cause. "I participate in a group in Norfolk called the Jewish Action Internship. We meet about two Sundays each month, and we help at the Food Bank, Homeless Shelter, Virginia Marine Science Museum, Paint-Your-Heart-Out program, and other organizations. I enjoy this community service program because it enables me to volunteer for a variety of causes," sophomore Julia Goldman said.

Community service did not limit students to only helping people. "I volunteer at the SPCA. I feed the cats and clean cages. I like working at the SPCA because I want to be a vet and this gives me experience," junior Lindsay Lane said.

Volunteering in hospitals was a great way for students to spend time. "Last summer I was a volunteer at Riverside Convalescent Center. The people were all really nice and fun to talk to," sophomore Amy Fairchild said.

Some students participated in community service through school. "For Key Club, I do Adopt-A-Spot. It's sort of a pain because it's early in the morning, but we want to keep Poquoson clean," junior Suchi Vatsa said.

Volunteering was also rewarding for students. "I tutor a student in algebra twice a week. It's rewarding when she understands," senior Sarah Dewey said.

By volunteering time, students gained experience, helped people and the environment. They found volunteering rewarding and, over all, were glad to have volunteered.



After school in the commons, sophomore Mary Montalvo is tutored by senior Kathleen Fowler. "I tutor Mary once a week in French. It helps both of us because it reinforces my knowledge and helps her learn the information," Kathy said. Many students volunteered to tutor other students through the NHS tutoring program.

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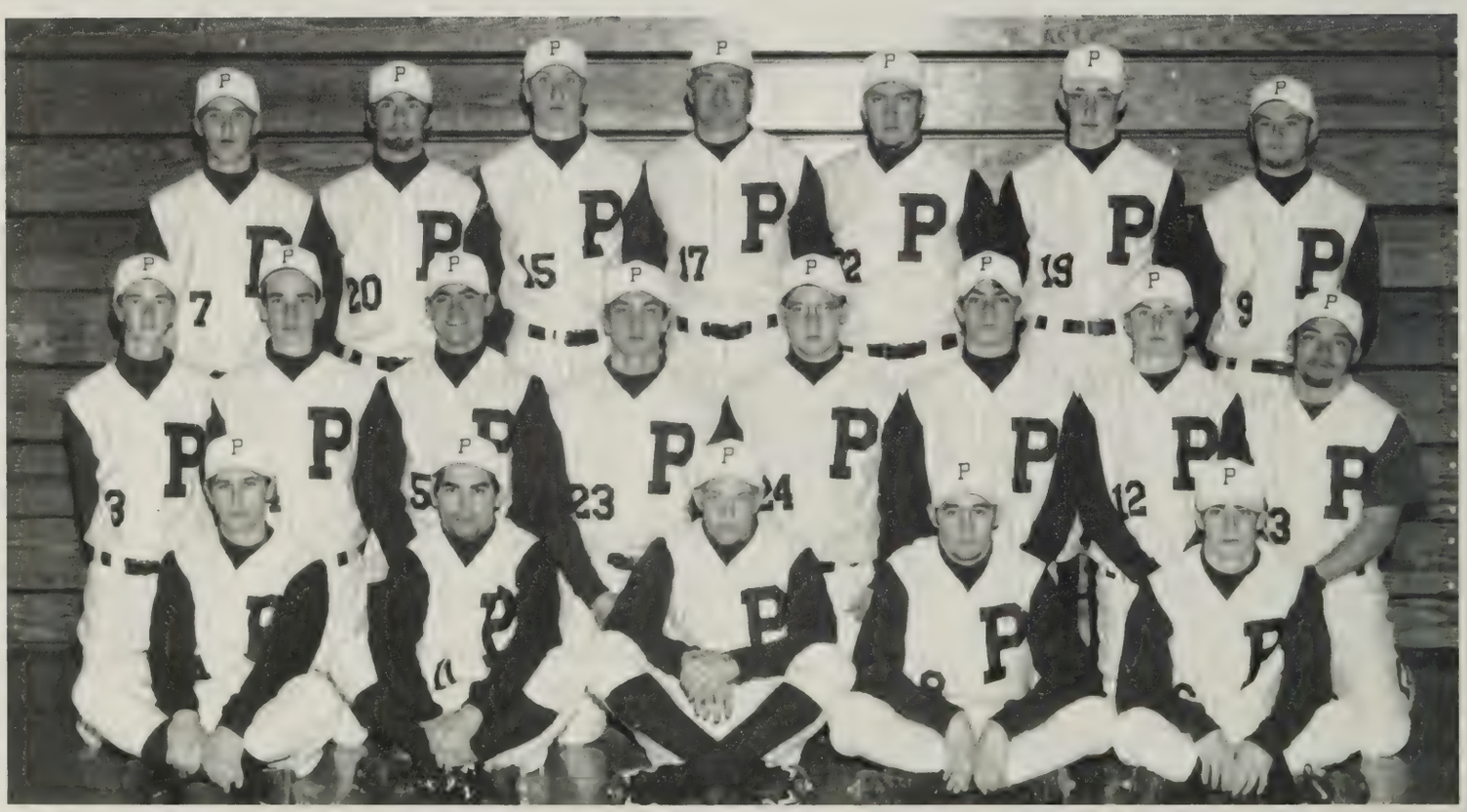
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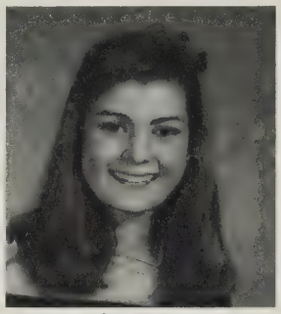
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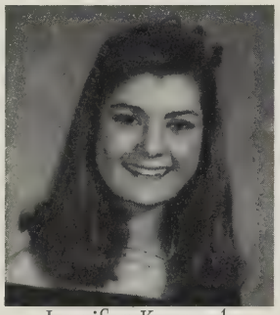


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Working Against the Clock

Students, Teachers Face Off

By Mary Beth Evans

"Stuffed ya teach!"

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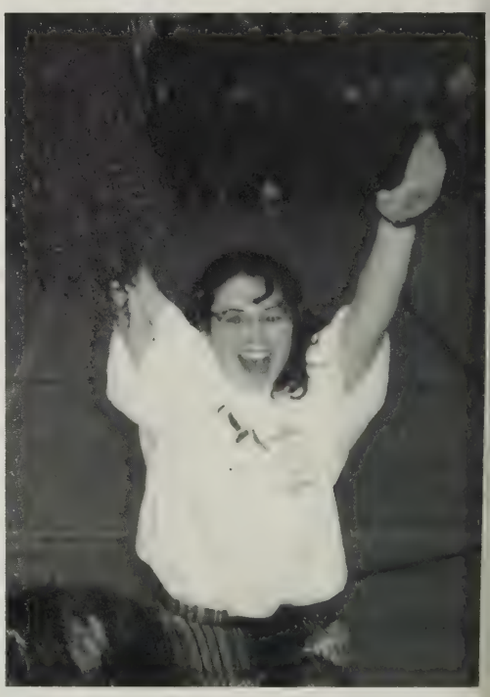
These were comments during the game where teachers and students became real adversaries. On March 16, the school and community gathered together to watch the student-faculty basketball game.

Students agreed the game was well worth their money while helping out a good cause. "I am glad it helped raise funds for after-prom," senior Alison Mast said.

Some of the best entertainment came from the sidelines. "The faculty cheerleaders were great! At the beginning, they were sitting backwards so you couldn't read their shirts. The student spirit was good also--especially Amber Normandin," junior Kim Garris said.

Other students paid more attention to the game. "It was really entertaining to watch the varsity basketball players torment Coach Bowden," junior John Hardin said.

Teachers had a good time also. "I had a lot of fun because I had never played in a real basketball game before. It was great beating the students because they had talked trash for two weeks," teacher Mrs. Terra McGonegal said.



During the game, junior Amber Normandin motivates the crowd. "I had a blast cheering I thought it would help to have some spirit t get the crowd going, but I didn't get a lot of response from the crowd. When I made fun of the faculty, they didn't get it," Amber said.

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Student Bands Rock and Roll

By Page Bishop

Is being a star in a rock and roll band a future or a fantasy? For some students, the life of stardom could very well become reality.

Some of these young musicians found it difficult to find a place to practice their music. "Right now we are practicing in a self storage shed because our neighbors complained about the loud noise," senior Mike Artis, lead singer for Undermine, said.

When discussing plans for the future, many groups were determined to make it big one day. "I hope to some day land a record deal so I can play my own original music with my own lyrics," sophomore Pauley Page, lead singer for Fallout, said.

Senior Joey Bernache had more realistic expectations. "Even though Undermine has real potential, school still comes first because I know how hard it is to make it in the music industry," he said.

Sometimes it was difficult to manage a group, school, and other activities. "My parents get on my case a lot because I am so involved with my music. I try to balance everything, but sometimes I will have to skip a practice for a homework assignment, or vice versa," junior Mike Foushee said.



Undermine, an alternative student band, practices for a show they are about to do at a friend's party. "Sometimes it is difficult to be the lead singer, because I am always in the spotlight and other members look to me for direction, but I enjoy the attention," senior Mike Artis said.

Congratulations 1998 Varsity Girls' Softball Team



(F-B) Tammi Perok, Randi Webb, Shari Gross, Stacy Gross, Krystal Lambert, Leslie Jones, Sara Walker, Megan Powell, coach Ed Spain, coach Joy Davison, Rachael Evans, Jenny Martin, Nicole Hicks, Renee Booth, Erin Cobb, coach Jeff Gross.

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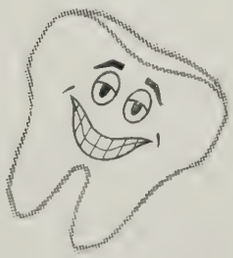


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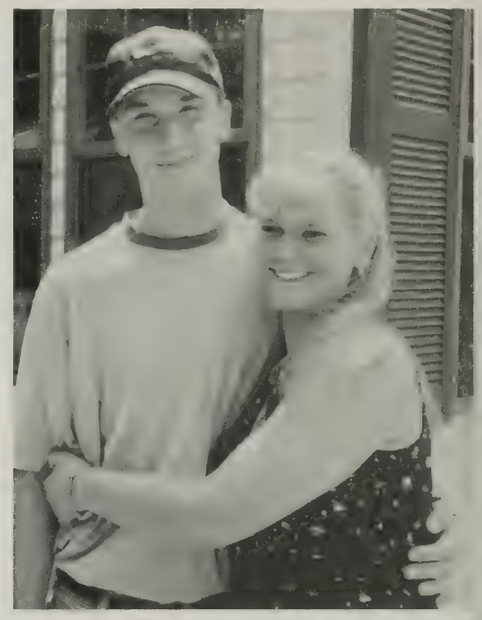
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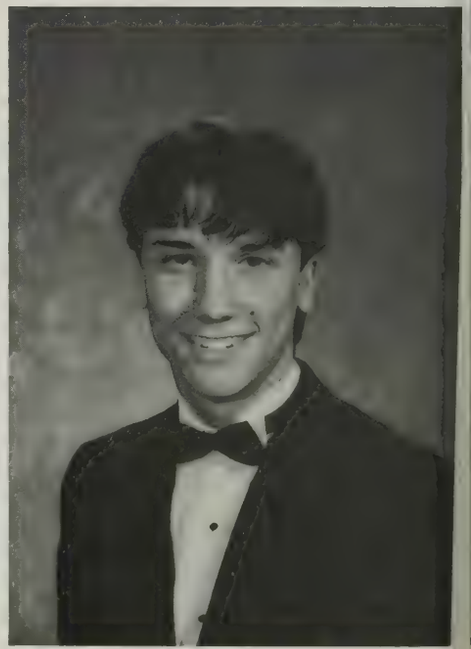
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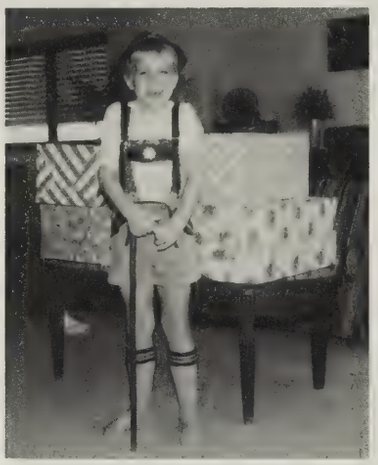
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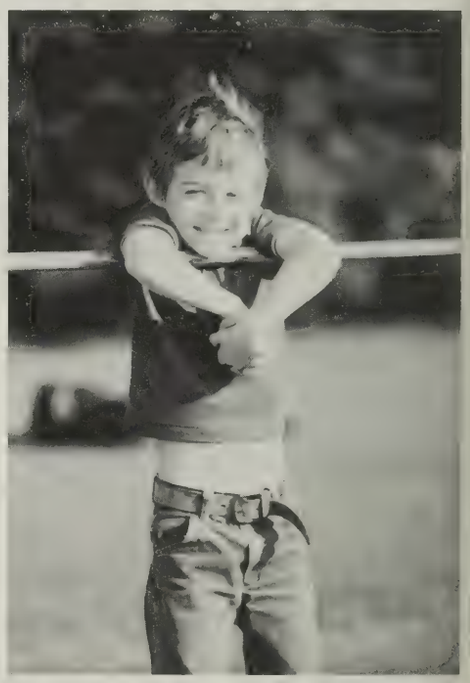
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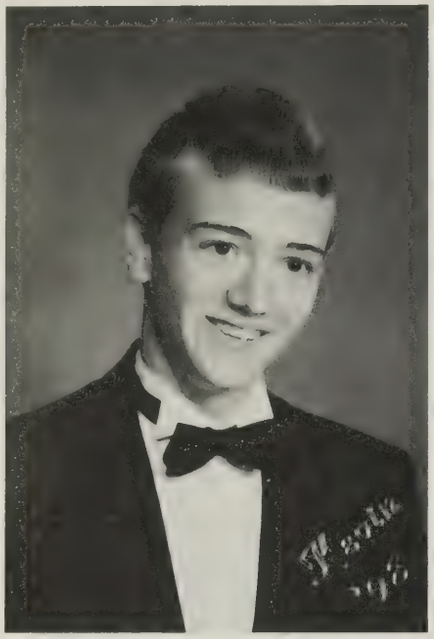
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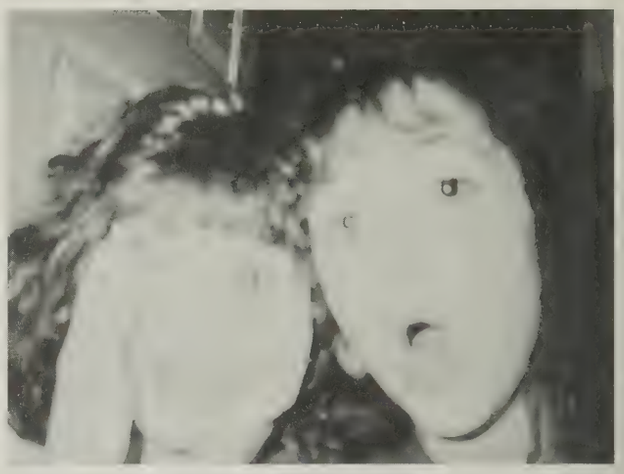
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Mom and Dad





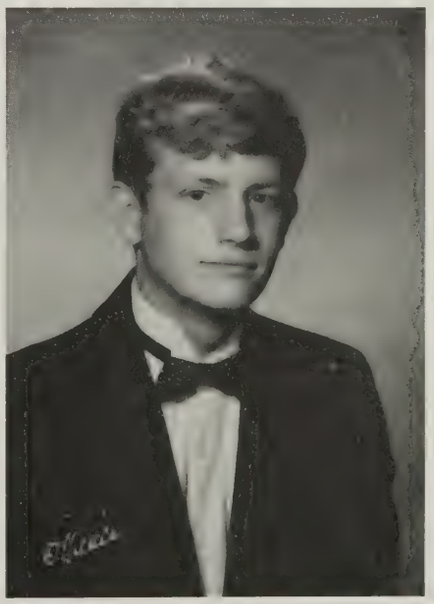
CONGRATULATIONS, MIRANDA!
We're so proud you're a graduate of PHS. You have made good friends, had fine teachers, and by being who you are, have made it a better place. Keep it up always!

Love,

Mom and Dad



Congratulations Smoot!



Congratulations Ali!



FLY HIGH BUT STRAIGHT.
STAY SAFE BUT TAKE RISKS.
KNOW THAT YOU ARE LOVED.
LAUGH WITH ABANDONMENT.
BE PROUD OF WHO YOU ARE.
WE ARE!!!
LOVE,
MOM, DAD,
JEN AND CHRIS













Karen, Crystal, Amy



Congratulations to three special friends! Thanks for all the wonderful memories and all the new ones you'll soon create. We are so proud and wish you all the best life has to offer.





With love and best wishes,

Your parents and families







Jennifer,



The years have gone by. Congratulations and Good Luck!



Love,
Mom and Dad



Congratulations and Best wishes. Jonathan, we are so proud of you.
May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other.

Genesis 31:49

We love you!
Mom and Dad









Amy and Jason

"As Long As We Have Music..."













Love from your families-
Ron, Karen, Lynn,
Randy, Suzanne,
Shannon, & Allen









Jenny,

God truly blessed us when he sent you to us! We know you'll continue to seek his will. "Trust in the lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding: in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

We are so proud of you! Good Luck at Campbell University!

Love,

Dad, Mom, Natalie, & Jeff









There once was a girl who had a little curl, right in the middle of her forehead!



And what will life be without Danielle's Answering Machine?

DANIELLE MARIE KUKICH PROVERBS 3:4,5 LOVE, MOM, PAPA, LAURA, AND CASEY



At the age of three it became quite clear, Mustache and all she was one cute Musketeer!



She traveled the world and lived in Rome and was the picture of fashion, we're told.



And who could forget dinner at Ma and Pa's Kitchen? You all come back now, ya hear?



She was tough, she was mean, even the Army it seemed, watched their step when she was around.

Tyler



Randi



You have always been the best all around.

Love,
Your Families







Congratulations,
Lindsey Brianne' Reinholdt



Reach high, for stars lie hidden in your soul. Dream deep, for every dream precedes the goal.
Pamela Vaull Starr





Loving you Always,
Mom and Dad







Jamison,
You have brought us so much happiness and laughter. We cannot believe the years have passed so quickly. As you go into the world, remember, there are so many choices to make. But whatever it is you may choose in life, we know you will be successful. As always, we are extremely proud of you.
Good Luck!

We love you,
Mom, Dad & Lauren







TAM





From being the little beach bum to being homecoming queen, it's so hard to believe "the baaaaby" is all grown up! We are so happy for you and wish you all the luck in everything you do.

Love Always,
Sherri Kaye & Lorrie









"... Do your work with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men ... you will receive your reward from the Lord."
Colossians 3:23,24



Tim,

You've had a great high school career because you've followed this wisdom. Keep going! We love you.

To all Tim's classmates and teachers, Thanks for making these years a pleasure. We love you and wish you God's blessings.

the Mattsons



Joyce,

You are Special

You are special in every way:
You are Joy,
You are Optimistic,
You are Yue,
You are Confident
You are Extraordinary.
Wherever God may lead you,
Whatever you may do,
Our love and prayers are always with you.

Love,
Dad, Mom & Jireh

Thou dost show me the path of life; in thy presence there is fullness of joy
-Psalm 16:11



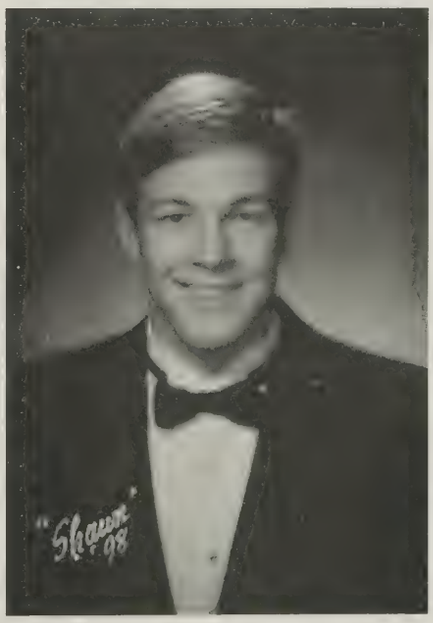


Shawn,

Congratulations and best wishes for a great future. We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom and Dad











SHARI GROSS ARRIVED IN "95",
HOOPS, A SPIKE, BASE-HIT SHE'D STRIVE,
TO DO HER BEST WOULD BE HER DRIVE.
HER MELLOW SAX, SOUNDING GREAT
KEEN WIT, ALL SMILES AND RUNNING LATE,
THAT'S OUR "BEAR", CLASS OF '98.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Peggy, Stacey, and Cocoa













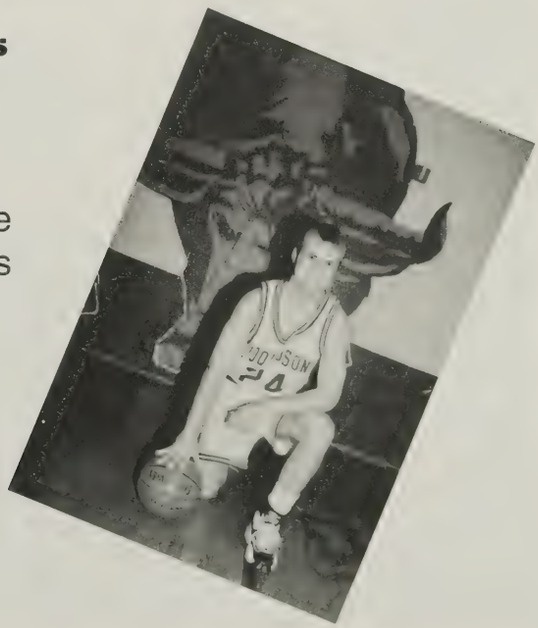
Tommy,
Aim high and follow your dreams.



"And them's the rules to you, too!"

Love,
Mom, Dad, and the
other Critters













Michelle,
Congratulations on your accomplishments over the past four years. We are very proud of you.

Love, Mom, Dad & Bryan



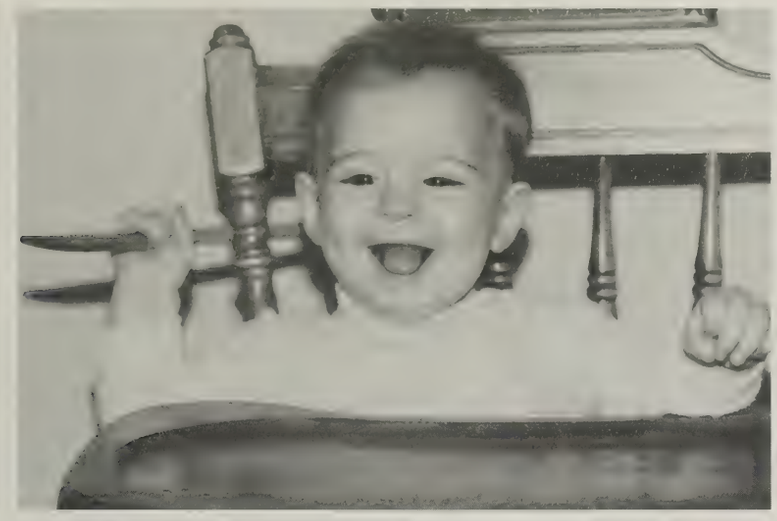
Congratulations Chris!

We are so very proud of you. May your life be filled with good health, happiness, closeness to family and friends, and success in achieving your goals.



All our love, Mom & Dad









Rachel,

You have immeasurably enriched our lives. Thanks for all the proud moments, the happy times, the camaraderie and laughter you've allowed us to share. We wish you the best of everything for the next four years and for the rest of your life.

With all of our love,
Mommy, Daddy,
Diana, William and
Brian













Judd

Congratulations and good luck in the future years ahead. You truly have been a blessing as a son.

Loved Always,
Dad & Mom



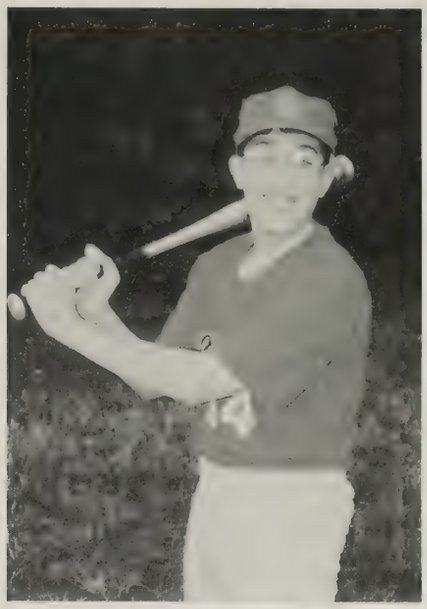


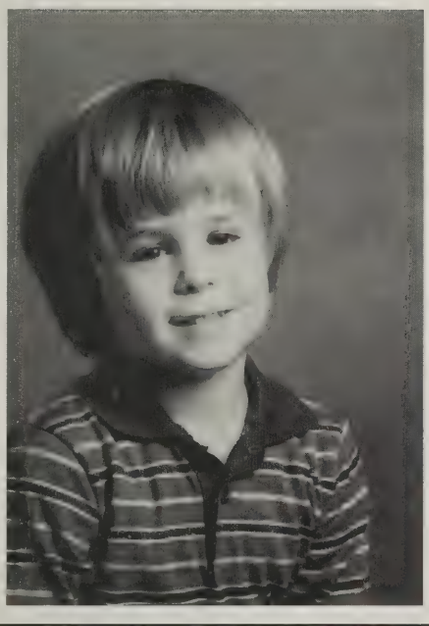


Congratulations Jason!



Love, Mom, Dad, David, & Melissa





Jonathan,

Your name means "Gift of God," and to us you truly are just that. We praise him and thank him for the joy you brought us over the years, and we pray his richest blessings upon you as you step into a future dedicated to his service.

Love,
Mom and Dad





Dave,

May all your dreams come true, we're proud!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Pete, & Dan





Congratulations Vicki!

Good luck in college & the future. Strive to do your best & fulfill all your dreams. With hard work you can accomplish anything! Remember you will always have our love & support. You have made us very proud!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Valerie & Mammaw









Kristi,

You captured our hearts the first time we saw you, and
Right from the start we knew you'd accomplish remarkable things.

Proudly, we watched you grow up
Listened to you cheer on the future
Run after dreams of your own.

Thank you for the endless joy, and for countless magic memories.
Ours is a family's love, forever

Mom, Dad, Jason, Aaron & Jonathan



CHRISTA



1st Day of School





My Prima Ballerina



"You will find, as you look back upon your life, that the moments that stand out are the moments when you have done things for others."

Christa,

Continue to reach for the stars and live your dreams. Have fun at USC! GO ARMY-BEAT NAVY!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
David,
Nannie & Marcie





"Some people come into our lives quickly and go. Some stay for a while and leave footprints on our hearts and we are never, ever the same."

Kathleen



Jenny



Through good times and bad, our memories together will always remain in our hearts.







NINA



Blair





Jason,

"The future is not a gift; it is an achievement."

-Robert Kennedy

Congratulations on all that you have accomplished.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Ryan & Megan





Ashleigh,

With every step you take, may your journey be even better than you expect.

Everyone whose life you touch is lucky.

Thank you for making such a difference in all our lives. Good luck at William & Mary!

With love,
Mom, Dad,
Catherine and Emily





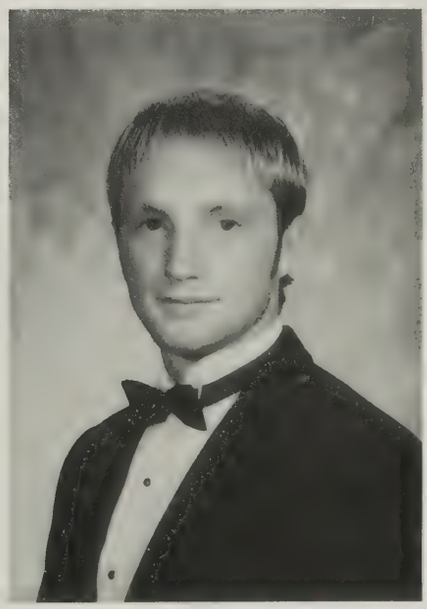
THOMAS RYAN HUNTER

We were awed by the miracle of your birth ---

Fascinated by your growth and development.....

And we are so proud of the young man you have become.

With love,
Mom, Dad, Mark
& Elizabeth







Chad,

You are a wonderful son and brother who has given us so much happiness and joy through the years as we watched you grow. We are very proud of you and wish you all the best for your future.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Lisa & Greg





Growing & Learning

Jimmy,

Congratulations on your achievements. Build high on firm foundations. We're proud of you!



Sharing



Caring



Love,
Dad,
Mom
& Andy



Congratulations Rikki & Blair!

Best friends are hard to find, but when you do they remain forever. We're very proud of all your accomplishments. Good luck in all you set out to do.

Love,
Your Parents
& Treye















Congratulations Tyler!



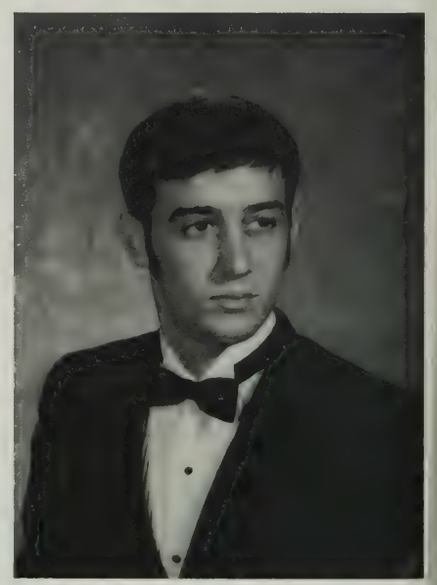


Tyler,

We have watched you grow into a very "special" young man. We hope that life brings you just as much happiness and joy as you have brought us. You have made us very proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Good luck and much success in all you may do. May God bless you and be with you to guide you and watch over you now and forever. Remember to enjoy life to its fullest. We all love you very much and will always be here for you.

Thanks for the memories,
Dad, Mom, Cori, Jami, Angel,
Mamama & Bobby







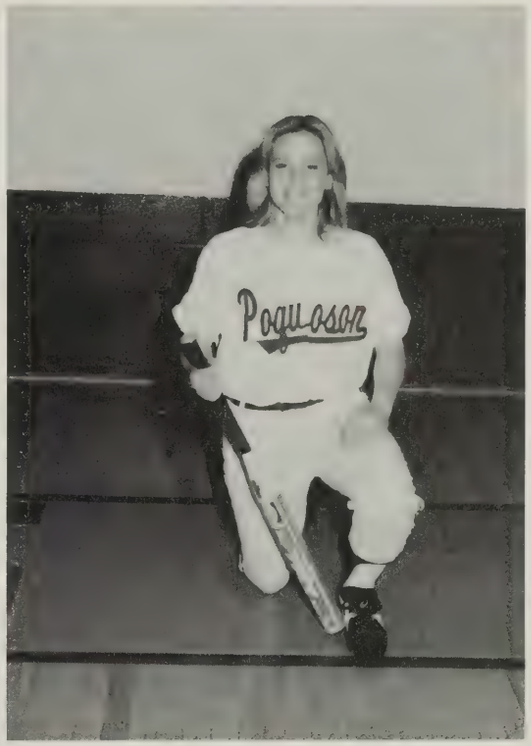
Tammi,

The memories you have given us have been priceless. Always remember how much we love and support you. You will always be our little "Jane Jane."

Love,
Mom & Dad















Sara,

How lucky we have been and how we have loved seeing you grow and mature, always working hard and being true to yourself and others. Good luck and have lots of fun at the University of Virginia.

Love,
Dad &
Mom





Our memories will last forever

Ryan,

You are such a blessing to us. May your life be filled with as much happiness as you have brought into ours!

Love,
Your family





Craig,

We are so proud of you. May all your hopes and dreams become realities. Always remember to follow your heart and you'll do fine.

With Much Love,
Mom, Dad,
Robbie &
Brad













Jessica

Making the decision to have a child - it's momentous. It is to decide forever to have your heart go walking around outside your body.
-Elizabeth Stone



JESSICA - You are a special young lady and a wonderful daughter. Always remember that you are dearly loved by us. We wish you the best in everything you do as well as a lifetime of happiness and love.

Never forget to include God in your life and ask for his guidance in your prayers.

Love Always,
Mom & Terry





JESSICA - We are so very proud to have such a wonderful and smart granddaughter. We know you will be successful in everything you put your mind to.
Congratulations on your graduation from high school.

We Love You,
O'Ma and Ebsen



JESSICA - As we watched you grow into the young woman you are, we knew you would be someone with many great traits & values. This makes you the special person you are today. Congratulations & much happiness with the challenges you face in the future.

Love,
Dad & Cheryl,
Nanny & Papa,
and Amber



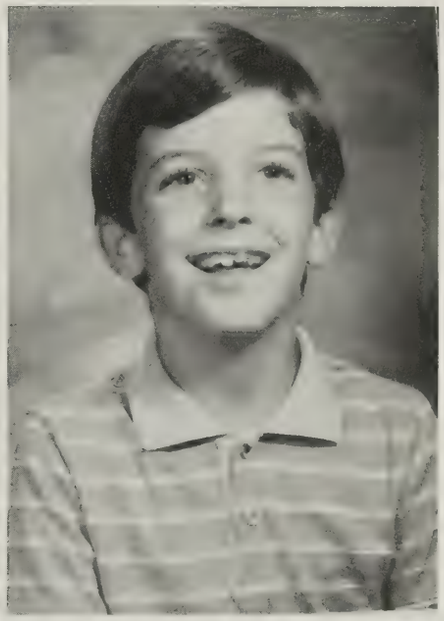


Craig



You are knowledgeable,
yet still learning
You are a visionary, yet
focused
You see possibilities
where others
see problems
You are competitive, yet
compassionate
You enjoy acting, yet
remain genuine
You are softspoken, yet
an accomplished
speaker
You win with humility, yet
lose with grace
You lead by example,
yet include and
empower others
You are successful, yet
humble

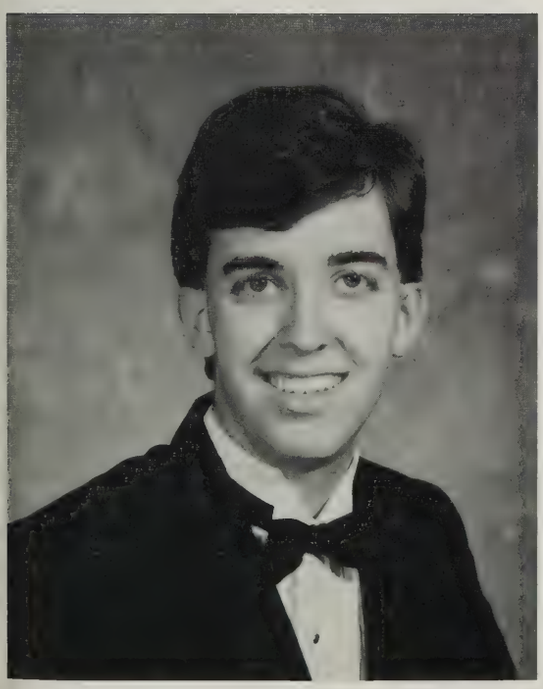




You are ready to
continue life's journey.
Your faith in Christ, your
character,
persistence and
willingness to take a risk
for something you
believe in
will illuminate your path.
Godspeed.

With all our love,

Dad, Mom & Lindsay



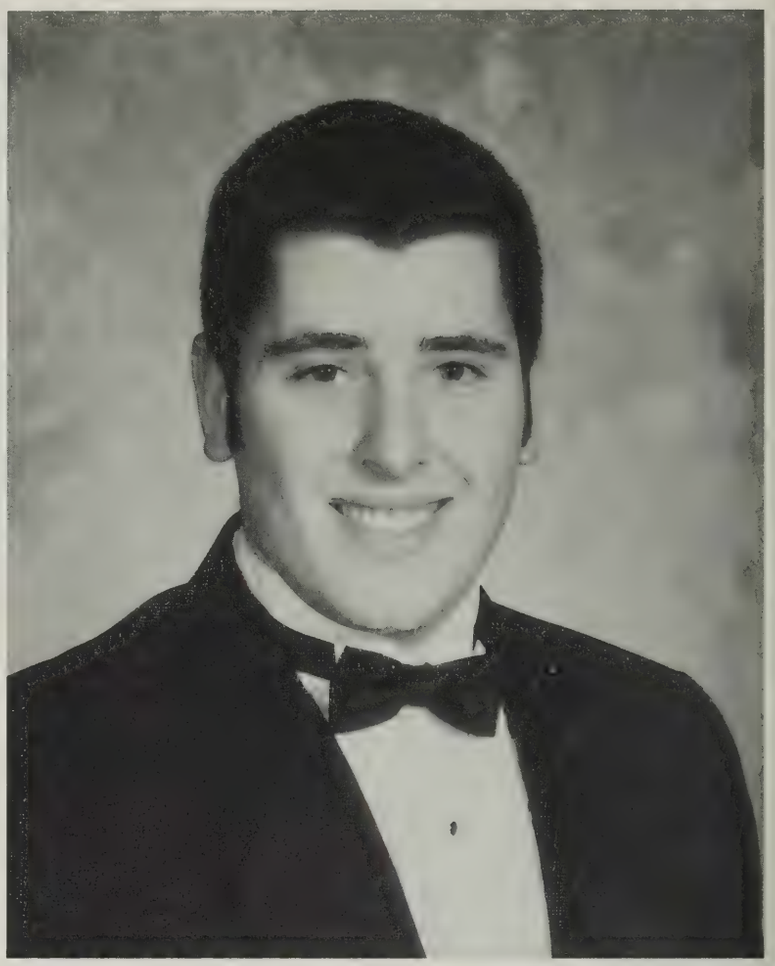




Congratulations Rob!

We are so very proud of you, and of the young man you have become. Thank you for being so special.

Dad, Mom, & Amy





Congratulations Michael!

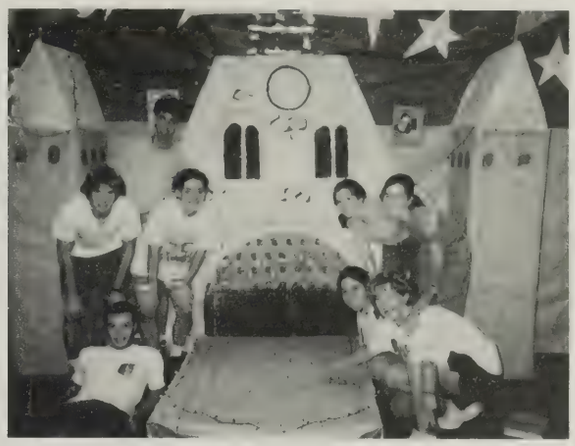
We're so proud of you. Good luck at Virginia Tech.



Love,
Mom, Dad & David



Hey! Hey! Hey!



Senior Castles

ELIZABETH
AKA
"LIZ"

FOUR YEARS
WELL SPENT
MUCH LOVED

BY YOU
BY US

GOOD LUCK
GOD BLESS

LOVE
MOM & DAD
ED & CHRIS



Watch #3



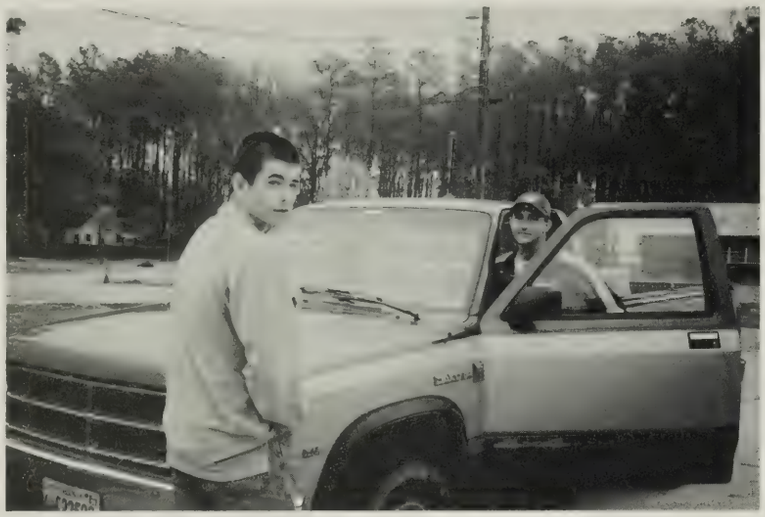
Magic Moments



Beauty Consultant



Texas Memories







Jonathan
&
Jake

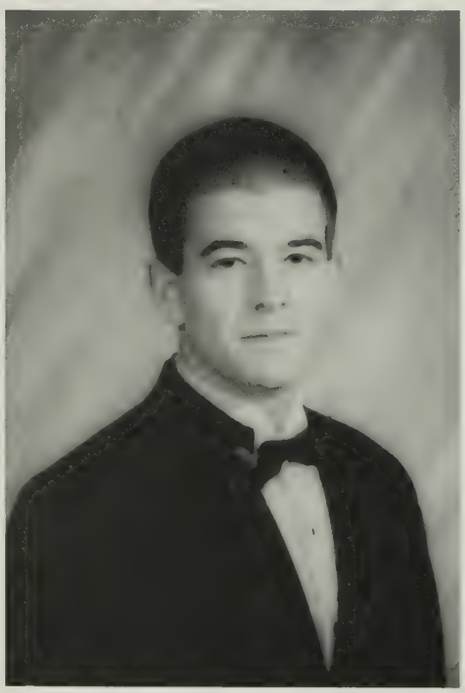
Cousins for life
Friends forever.

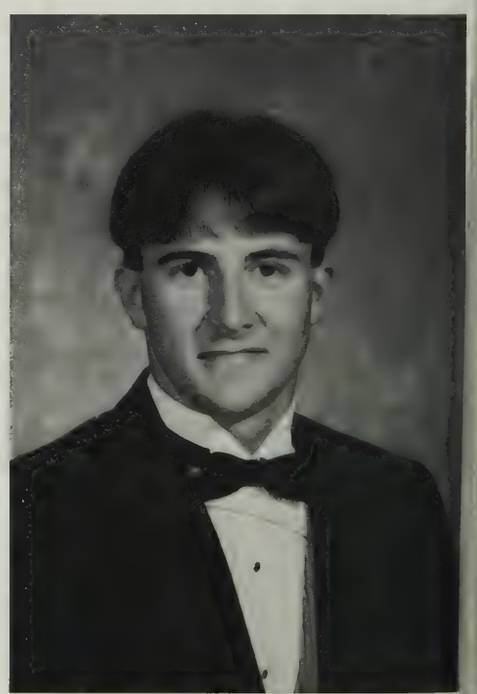
"Look not mournfully into the Past. It comes not back again.
Wisely improve the Present. It is thine.
Go forth to meet the shadowy Future, without fear and with a manly heart."

Always know how proud we are of you both and that we love you with all of our hearts.

Your Families











Tara,
Mazel Tov! We love you!
Love,
Dad, Mom, and Mandi



Mary Beth

May you always find value in developing good friendships, in playing the game for fun and in winning the respect of others by being yourself and by growing in the faith. We are so very proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, John and Buffy



A winning friendship since fourth grade!

Alison

As you face the challenges of the future, remember to keep your eye on the goal. We are here to assist you achieve that dream.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jeff and Harry.



Congratulations Kathi.
We love you.
Your family



Las Tres Amigas



Danielle



Liz



Shari

The Memories of growing up,
The cheers, the tears, the jokes,
The toilet paper in the trees,
And what they told us folks.



We will look back upon these years,
And tell the same old stories,
Of the famous, "Las, Tres, Amigas"
And how they rose to glory.

Love,
Your Parents,
(Your biggest Fan Club)

We Love You!



Aw right!





1998





EMILE

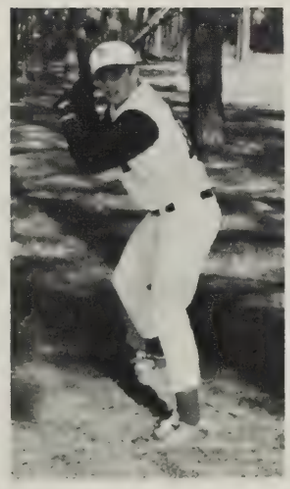


Our pride grows with each step that you take. Whether in sports arenas or in life's arena, continue on the path of integrity and hard work.

Love and best wishes in your senior year, Mom, Dad, & Lauren









Brett,

From being stuck at 4:30 A.M., to breaking down in Nag's Head, we're still very proud of you and may your Jeep win many shows.

Love,
Mom & Dad



Hard Worker



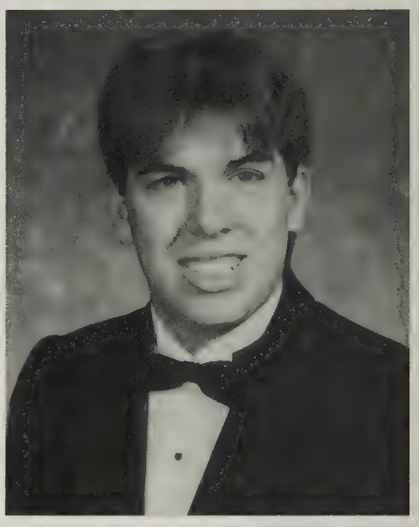
Expert Driver



1st Ride



Joker

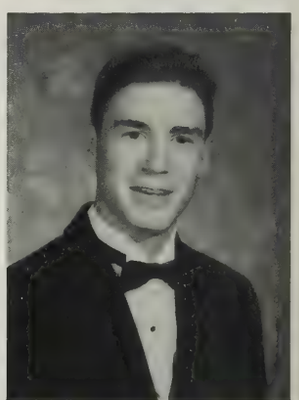


No more school!!

Ryan & Paul

Congratulations !!
We love you.
Love,
your parents
and families









Bonnie Jodi Lindsey







Lean on Me

Sometimes in our lives,
We all have pain
We all have sorrow
But, if we are wise
We know that there's always tomorrow
Lean on me, when you're not strong
And I'll be your friend I'll help you carry on
For it won't be long, till I'm gonna need
Somebody to lean on

-B. Withers

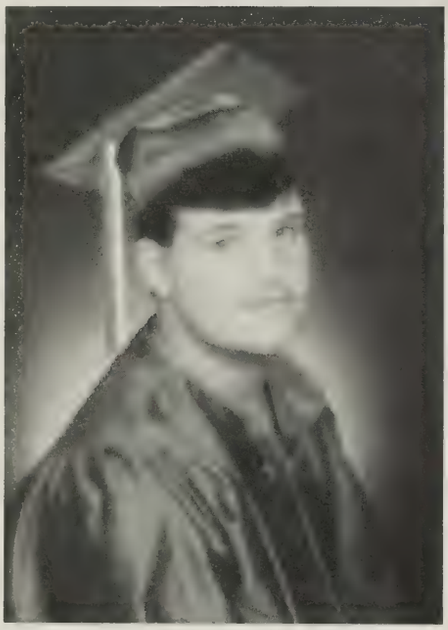






Jennifer Sarah Christine







BRYAN & SHANE

CONGRATULATIONS, WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU. IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE YOU ARE GRADUATING. WE'VE WATCHED YOU BOTH GROW FROM LITTLE BOYS INTO FINE YOUNG MEN. WE HOPE LIFE OFFERS YOU BOTH WONDERFUL THINGS AND YOU ACHIEVE ALL YOUR HEARTS DESIRE. WE THANK GOD HE CHOSE US TO BE YOUR PARENTS. WE HOPE WE DID ALL WE COULD TO BE A GOOD INFLUENCE ON YOU BOTH AND RAISED YOU BE GENTLEMEN. THANK YOU BOTH FOR BEING YOU. IT'S BEEN A CHALLENGE BUT IT'S ALSO BEEN FUN. LET GOD GUIDE YOU AS YOU GO IN YOUR LIFE AND MAY YOUR SORROWS BE FEW.

WE LOVE YOU BOTH VERY MUCH,
MOM, DAD, SHAWN & FAMILY



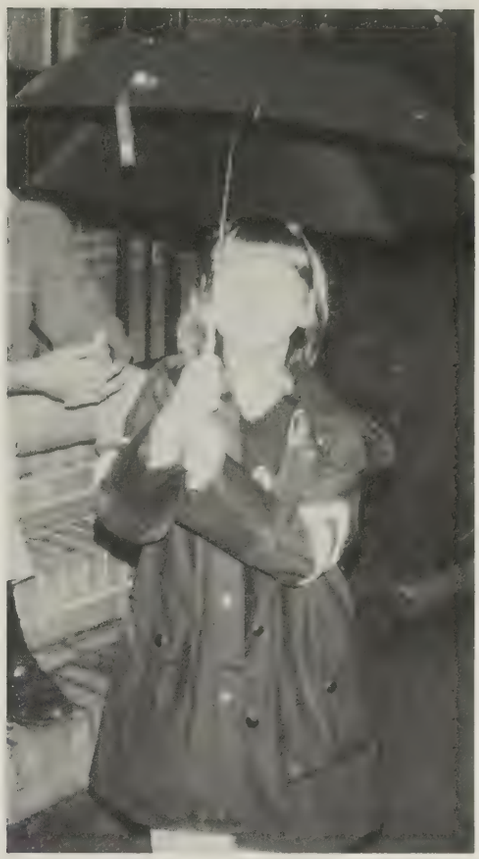




Congratulations







BETH ANN

We're
very proud
of you.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
and Brooke













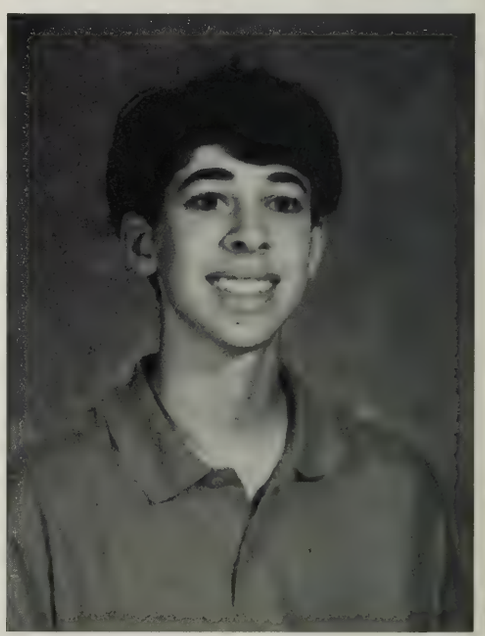
Stacey-
Don't cry because it's over,
But smile because it
Happened.
Keep Smiling.
Congratulations.
Love Always,
Mom, Dad and Nick
P.S. Stacey I love you more.





To Christopher-

You continue to bring joy to our lives. Thank you for all you do, and good luck.
Love,
Mom, Stef, Jack, Dad and the rest of your family.





Jodi & Bonnie



There's a miracle called
friendship, it dwells within the
heart,
And you don't know how it
happens
Or when it gets its start...
But the happiness it brings
you
Always gives a special lift,
And you realize that
friendship
Is God's most precious gift.



Jodi, your chances of success in any undertaking can always be measured by your belief in yourself.

Good Luck in your future,
Love Always,
Mom, Dad, & Ross



Bonnie, you have grown into such a beautiful person, I hope all of your dreams greet you.

We love you very much,
Mom & Dad









Rebecca,



Having you for a daughter means sharing a world full of beauty, laughter, and fun. It means holding on to a dream, and then having it more than come true. We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. May God bless you and be there to guide you. Congratulations!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Stephen











1986



1990

We go together, like

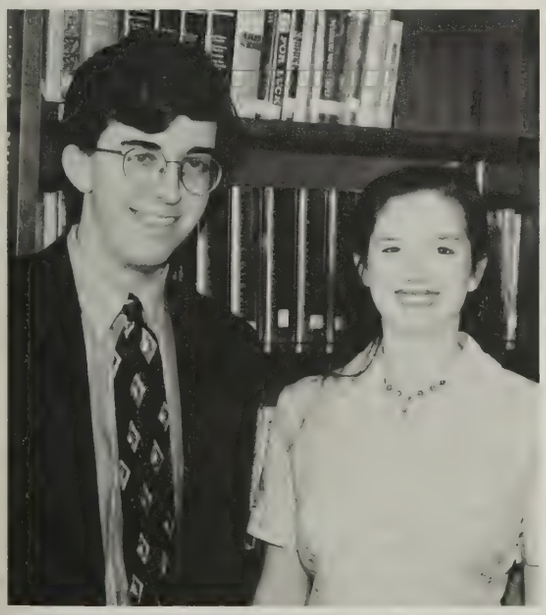


1994



1996

rama-lama-lama, ka-dinga da ding-dong!



1997

Friends Forever!
Congratulations
Craig and Sarah
Love,
Your Families



1997

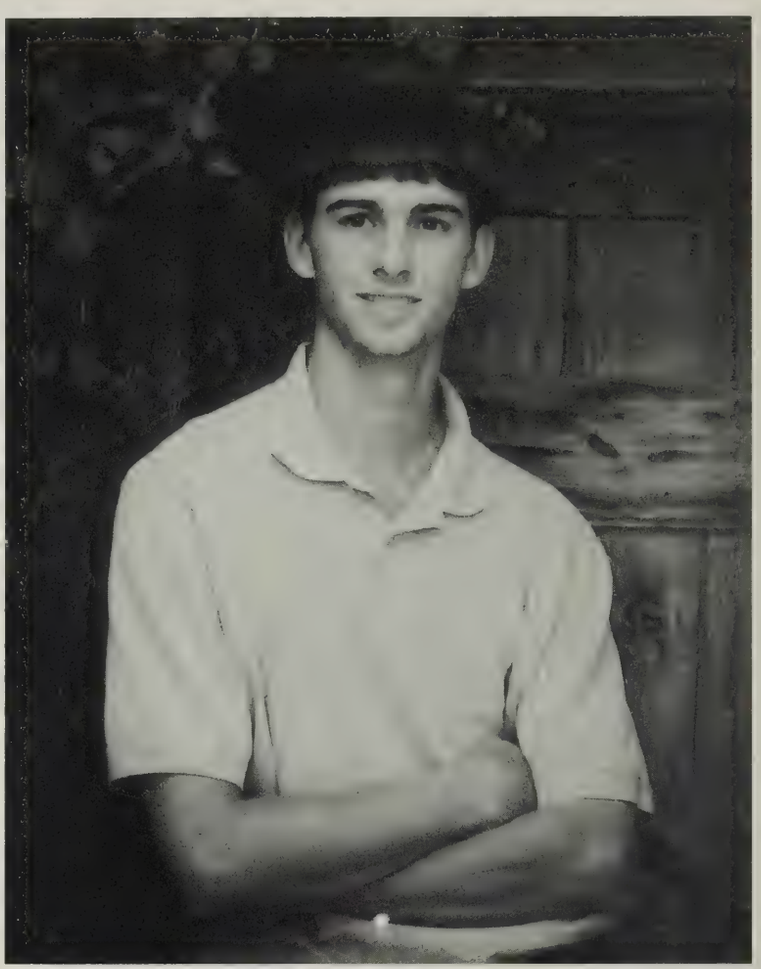




Erik Y. Stinson

Congratulations! You've travelled far and wide; your journey's been far reaching. Now that your path is clear, your arrival is a new beginning. We're so proud of you Erik!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Monika





Page,
You are my best friend, my sister, willing to listen with a shoulder to cry on. You've always been there for me, and I for you, with so much in common, able to feel one another's pain. We're closer than two friends could ever be. As little girls we would dream of this day that is so soon to come, but never did we dream of going our separate ways. I will never forget you, friend, and all the times we shared. I love you. You are my sister, you are a part of me.

Love,
Tiffany

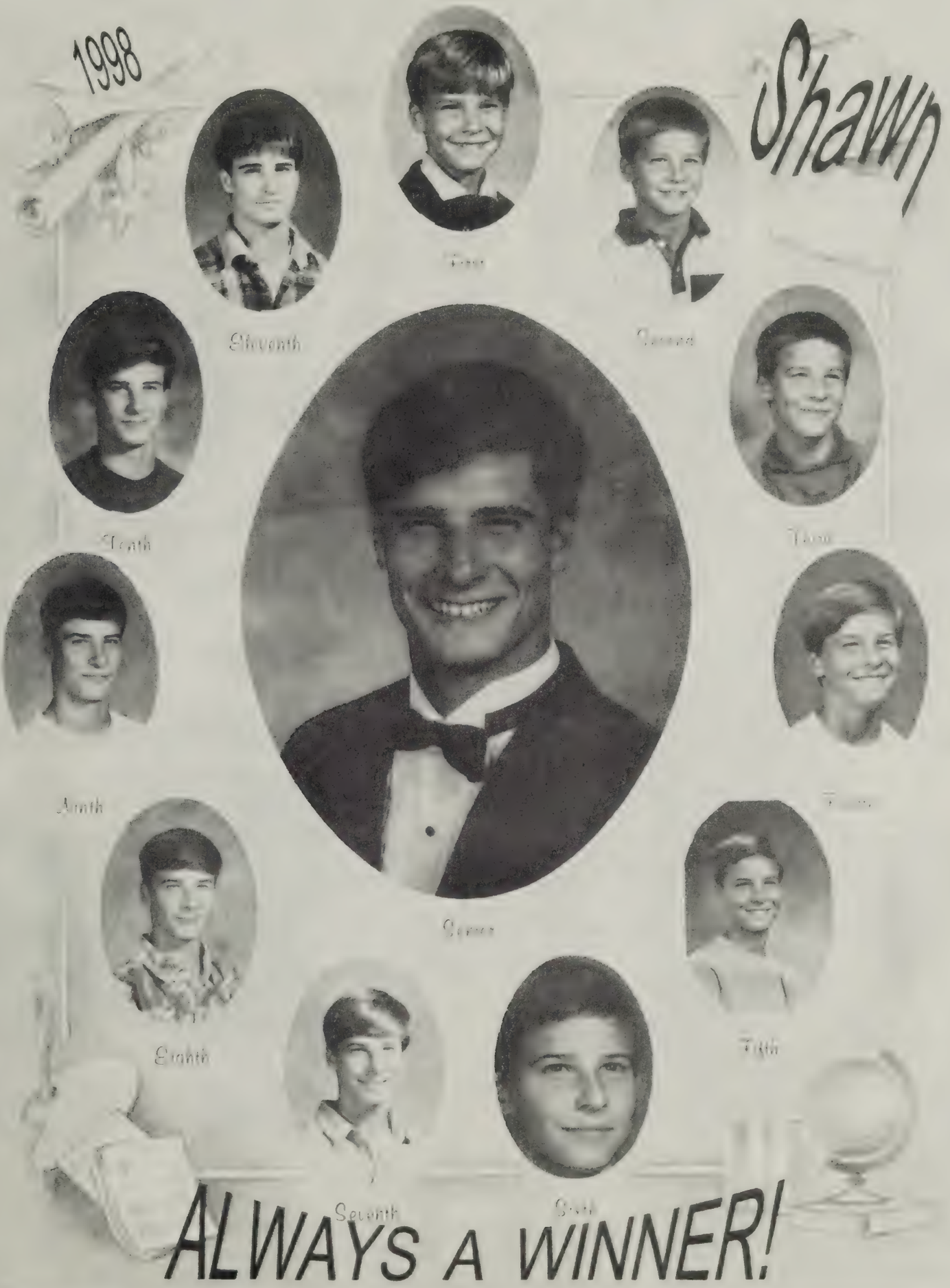




Tiffany,
How do I begin to explain what these years have meant. In you, I have found happiness. In you, I have found myself. You are my best friend, my sister, my soul mate. Even though we are nearing a point when life brings its greatest changes, you will always find a home in me, and I in you.

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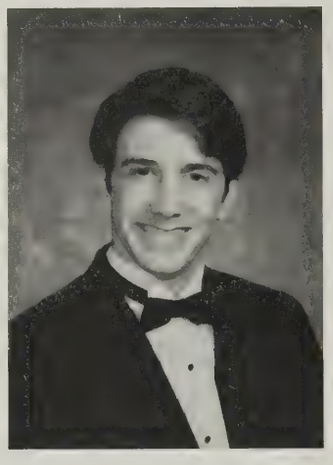
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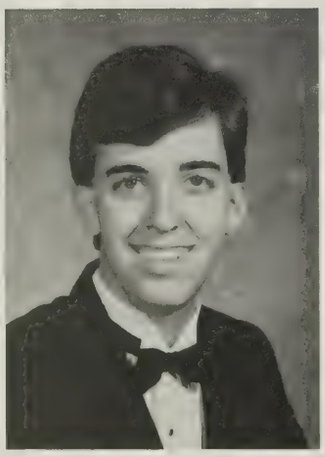
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Best of luck in all you do!

-Your President,
Craig Gallaer



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THE WORK ENDS

by Nicole Feldl



Boxes, boxes, and boxes.

Moving crews wheeled dollies back and forth through the halls. Boxes packed full of books and supplies were unpacked, while others were piled in the corners for later consideration. It was all part of the chaos of moving day.

For the first time, on April 20, students finally saw the addition from the inside of the building. Changes in interior design were apparent in the new G-hall. "The new hall looks so much better than the rest of the school. The color scheme brightens the whole area; it is a vast improvement," sophomore Marisa Austin said.

Students also appreciated the cinderblock walls that separated the new classrooms, as opposed to the plastic partitions of the rest of the school. "One day I was taking a Spanish test in Mr. Fay's class and my friends were talking in the classroom beside mine. They were deciding what to d for the weekend, and I couldn't concentrate on my test," junior Grayson Bunting said about his classroom in the older part of the building.

In the first week of the opening of the new hall, administrators conducted a fire drill to test the safety regulations. "The alarm worked perfectly. The only problem was that we had to walk through the construction area, so we had to walk across boards and step over mud puddles," freshman Brian DeWitt said.

Moving day ended successfully as students began taking classes in the new rooms. They also appreciated the new design and quieter classrooms. In addition, with the testing of the fire drill system, the G-hall was truly ready for use.



Pointing out the window, seniors Kelly Insley an Danielle Kukich enjoy the view from their new Spa ish class. One amenity of the new classrooms was a view, whi only four classrooms had previously had. "I like the new rooms a better than the old ones. They actually have windows. All the oth rooms you walk into make you think you're in jail," Danielle sa



Removing beakers from a carrying tray, juniors Michael DeRyder and Erica Kohr help Mrs. Mary Beth Leavitt move items into the new chemistry room. The room was outfitted with glass-fronted cabinets, large counter areas, big sinks, a demonstration area, blinds on the windows, and a mechanically operated projector screen. "I was scared that I was going to drop the box of fifty audiometers because they're so expensive. I think the new lab is nice but the design isn't too logical. There are way too many electrical sockets, the shelves are too high and deep, and there aren't enough gas jets," Erica said.

On moving day, junior Kristi Sutton and Spanish teacher Mrs. Nancy Rowley talk while students explore the new G-Hall. Classes were suspended for some students who helped move boxes and unpack, while others simply admired the result of months of construction. "I love the new section! It's so great that it'll be done by my senior year. The full-size lockers are an absolute bonus; no more getting books dropped on my head," Kristi said. In the end, the results of the construction were well worth WORKING AROUND IT.



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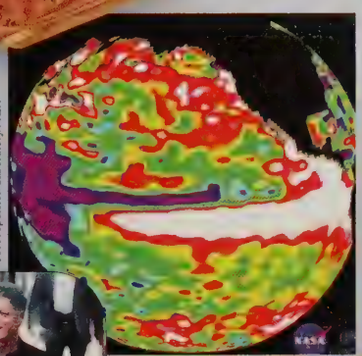


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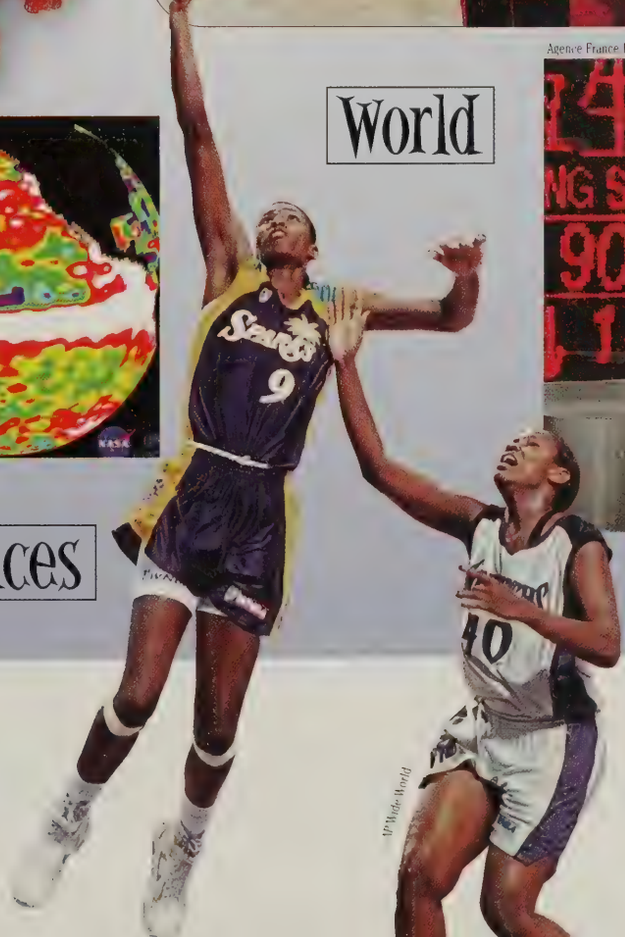
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Asian economic turmoil triggers global unrest. In October, Hong Kong's stock market crashes. Asian countries receive billions in bailout dollars from the International Monetary Fund.



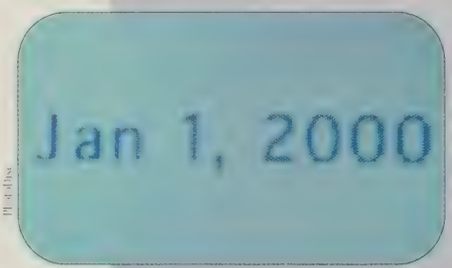
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Hong Kong reverts to China at 12:01 a.m., July 1, after 156 years of British colonial rule. China says Hong Kong will continue its Western way of life and free-market economy.

A 15-day school strike in Ontario, Canada, affects 2.1 million students. Late in October, 128,000 teachers walk out to protest a controversial bill that would alter educational funding and centralize government control of education.



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Governments and businesses worldwide race to remedy the "Year 2000" problem. Unless key computer systems are reprogrammed to recognize dates in the new century the world faces the threat of catastrophic failure in critical areas like banking, air safety, public utilities and defense.



Savino, Sipa

Montserrat, once called "the Emerald Isle of the Caribbean," is devastated by ongoing eruptions from a volcano that had been dormant for 400 years. Two-thirds of the populace evacuates.



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Powerful earthquakes in central Italy kill 11 people and damage art treasures, including centuries-old frescoes by Italian Renaissance painters, in the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi.



The remains of Ernesto "Che" Guevara, martyred Marxist revolutionary, are laid to rest in Cuba in October, 30 years after his execution in Bolivia, where his bones recently had been found.



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After 32 years of autocratic rule, President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire is deposed in May 1997 and later dies in exile. His successor, Laurent Kabila, changes Zaire's name to Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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Change sweeps Great Britain as Labor Party leader Tony Blair's landslide election in May 1997 ousts the Conservatives and makes Blair, at 44, Britain's youngest prime minister in 185 years.

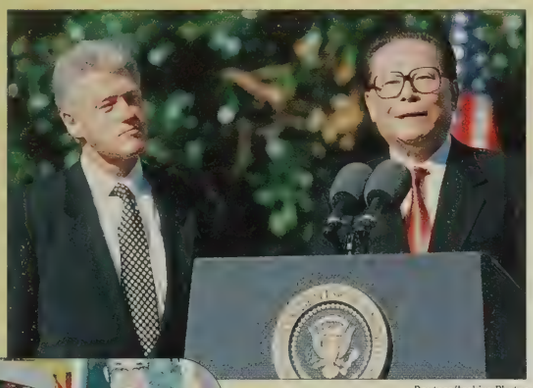
Hurricane Pauline slams into Mexico's Pacific coast in October, causing flash floods, landslides and at least 200 fatalities. The resort city of Acapulco is heavily damaged.



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Halloween fever seizes France. At the base of the Eiffel Tower in Paris 8,000 pumpkins are displayed, and French children participate in an American-style Halloween celebration.

President Jiang Zemin of China meets for summit talks with President Bill Clinton in October, the first visit in 12 years of a Chinese leader to the U.S. During his stay, demonstrators protest China's treatment of Tibet.



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Tim Graham-Sygma

Diana, Princess of Wales, one of the world's most famous and admired women, dies at 36 in a violent car crash in Paris on August 31.

The death of "the people's princess" generates an emotional outpouring of love and grief, evidenced by floral tributes heaped at Diana's Kensington Palace home.



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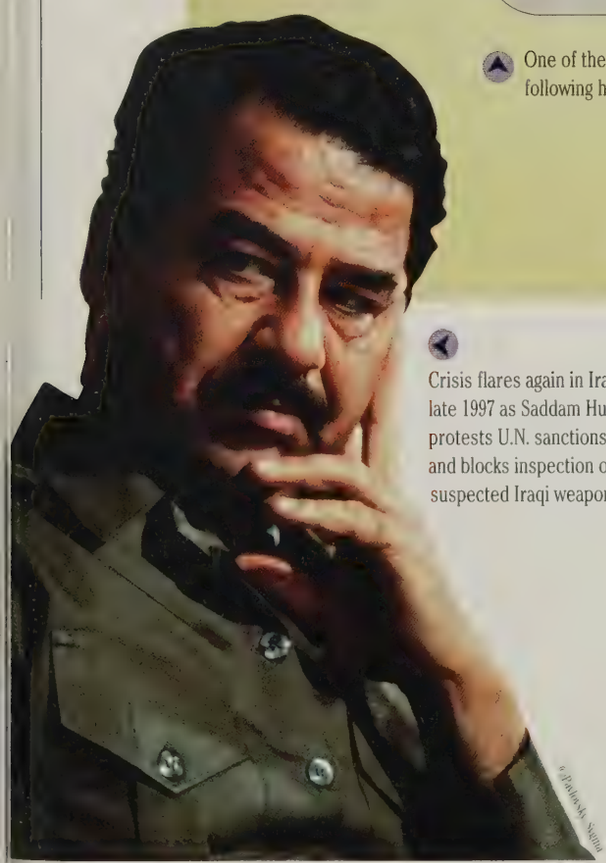
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At the funeral, Elton John performs "Candle in the Wind 1997," rewritten in tribute to Diana. The recording quickly sells more than 35 million copies, becoming the best-selling single of all time. Sales proceeds benefit the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.



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One of the most poignant images of Diana's funeral: her young sons following her coffin into Westminster Abbey.



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Crisis flares again in Iraq in late 1997 as Saddam Hussein protests U.N. sanctions and blocks inspection of suspected Iraqi weapon sites.

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Floods, drought and mismanagement in North Korea create a severe famine. As many as a million North Koreans die of starvation.

Pope John Paul II visits Communist Cuba in January 1998, the first time a pope has done so. During his five-day visit the pope celebrates public masses and meets privately with President Fidel Castro.



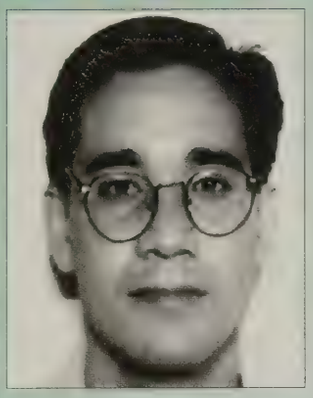
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In June, shortly before Diana's death, an auction of 79 of her evening gowns raises $3.26 million for AIDS and cancer charities. Top price paid for a single gown: $222,500.

National News

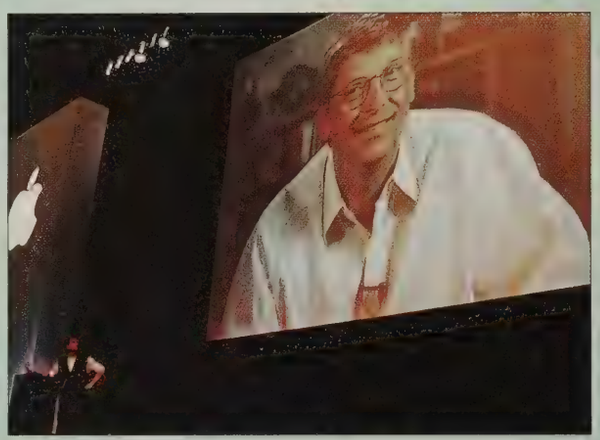
Brooks Kraft, Sygma





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On July 23 suspected murderer Andrew Cunanan, 27, commits suicide in Miami Beach. Cunanan was the prime suspect in a cross-country killing spree that left five dead, including fashion designer Gianni Versace.



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In April 1997, floods ravage the entire Red River Valley between Minnesota and the Dakotas. Ninety percent of downtown Grand Forks, North Dakota, is under water.

Once-mighty Apple Computer is close to failure when arch-rival Bill Gates of Microsoft "rescues" it with a $150 million bail-out in August. The event opens a new era of cooperation between formerly fierce competitors.



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Americans join "Stop the Violence" campaigns nationwide in an attempt to generate awareness of and solutions to the problem of violence in America.



Jonathan Elderfield, Gamma/Liaison

Joe Camel is snuffed out as the Federal Trade Commission bans tobacco advertising aimed at minors and institutes sweeping tobacco advertising restrictions.

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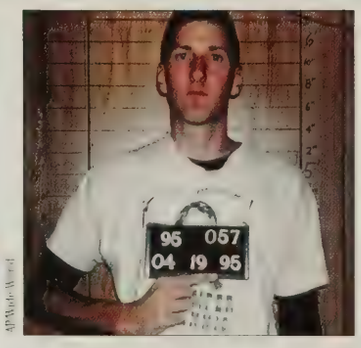
Theodore Kaczynski admits he is the Unabomber responsible for killing 3 people and injuring 29 others in an 18-year bombing campaign. His January 1998 guilty plea spares Kaczynski the death penalty but condemns him to life in prison with no possibility of release.

UPS workers take to the picket lines in an August strike lasting 15 days. The eventual settlement is seen as a major labor victory.



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British nanny Louise Woodward, 19, is convicted in Massachusetts of murdering a child in her care. The judge later reduces the charge to involuntary manslaughter and releases her.



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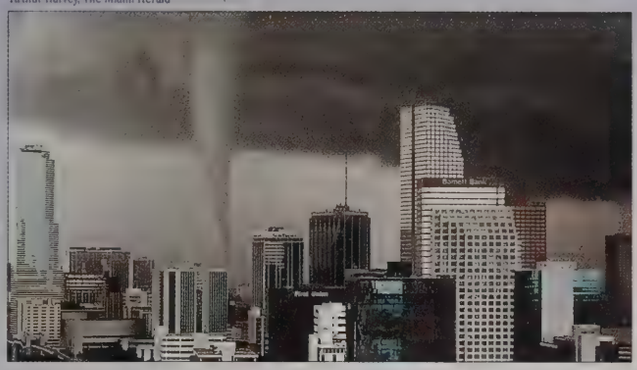
Timothy McVeigh is convicted of murder and conspiracy in June for the April 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. McVeigh is later sentenced to death.



Patrick Hagerty, Sygma

First Lt. Kelly Flinn accepts a general discharge from the Air Force, avoiding court-martial for lying about an affair and disobeying orders. Flinn had been the first and only female B-52 pilot in the service.

Arthur Harvey, The Miami Herald



A rare urban tornado prowls through Miami on May 12, uprooting trees, shattering windows and snapping power lines. Fortunately, the storm inflicts only minor injuries.

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Bobbi McCaughey, Carlisle, Iowa, gives birth November 19 to seven babies, the U.S.'s first living septuplets. McCaughey and her husband Kenny now have eight children.



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Attorney General Janet Reno refuses to name an independent prosecutor to investigate Clinton administration fundraising, causing friction with FBI Director Louis Freeh.



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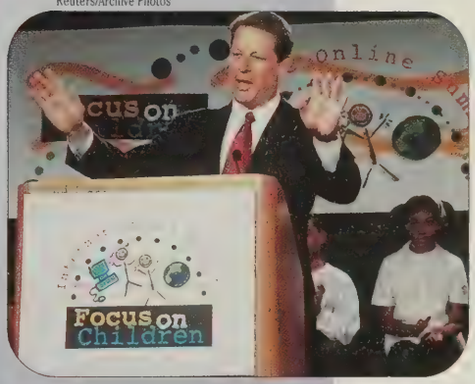
Terry Nichols is found guilty of conspiracy and manslaughter in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. Nichols is spared a federal death sentence in January 1998, but still faces Oklahoma state charges.

UFO enthusiasts gather in Roswell, New Mexico, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the alleged UFO crash there in July 1947.



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At the Internet/Online Summit in December, Vice President Al Gore announces government initiatives to protect young Internet users from online pornography.



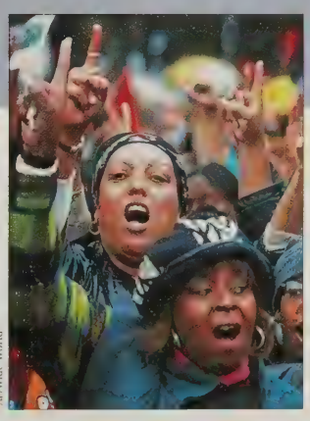
©Aaron Rezny, The Stock Market

Fast-food giant Burger King is forced to stop serving burgers when supplier Hudson Foods recalls 25 million pounds of hamburger suspected of contamination with *E. coli* bacteria. It is the biggest beef recall in U.S. history.

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The all-male Promise Keepers movement inspires praise and controversy for its message of spiritual revival and personal responsibility for men. In October, the group holds a giant rally in Washington, D.C.

Once-secret tape recordings of former presidents Kennedy and Nixon are released publicly. The tapes provide an unvarnished, and sometimes unflattering, glimpse into the two presidents' actions and conversations in the White House.



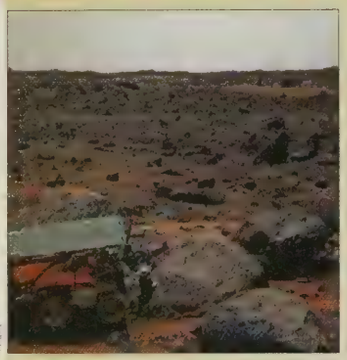
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On October 25, at least 300,000 African-American women gather in Philadelphia for the Million Woman March. Winnie Madikizela-Mandela is one of the speakers.

Science News

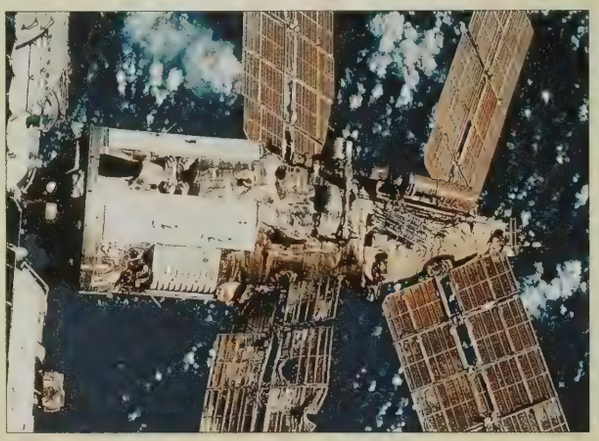
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NASA

Viewers worldwide see the first-ever high-resolution color pictures of Mars when the *Pathfinder* spacecraft lands July 4. The lander and its rover, Sojourner, collect and transmit extraordinary data for three months.



NASA

Russia's aging *Mir* space station collides with an unmanned supply vehicle in June and is seriously damaged. This is only one in a series of crises casting doubt on the viability of the station.

For $8.36 million, Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History buys "Sue," the most complete *Tyrannosaurus rex* fossil yet discovered. The sale occurs October 4 at Sotheby's in New York.



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Scottish scientists in February 1997 announce the world's first cloning of an adult mammal. The sheep, named Dolly, fuels controversy over possible misuse of the technology.



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In September, CAT scans of petrified dinosaur eggs found in China reveal a dinosaur embryo.

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Fuel cells that convert a fuel's energy directly into electricity are being developed for use in cars, making possible an efficient, low-emission car of the future.

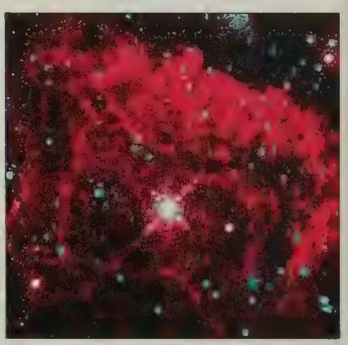
The first prescription pill for male-pattern baldness is approved by the Food and Drug Administration in December. The drug Propecia is made by Merck and Company.





Research produces medical breakthroughs, including a genetically engineered "bullet" molecule being tested to fight cancer and new drugs to control or prevent Parkinson's disease, osteoporosis and congestive heart failure.

The popular diet regimen fen-phen is pulled off the market in September. The combination of fenfluramine and phentermine is shown to cause heart valve disorders, as is the diet drug Redux, also recalled.



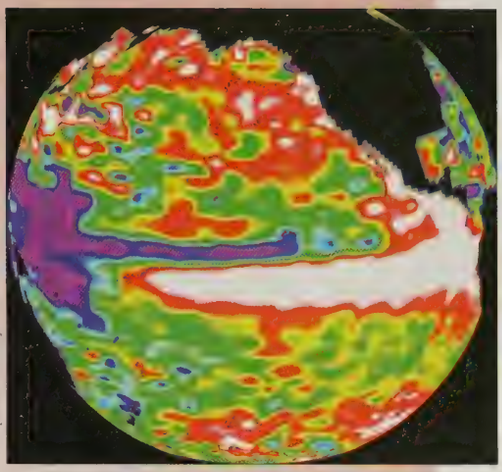
Don F. Figer (UCLA) and NASA

Aided by the Hubble Space Telescope, astronomers discover the Pistol Star—the brightest star yet observed in the Milky Way. The Pistol Star is 25,000 light years from Earth.

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Comet Hale-Bopp captures imaginations worldwide as it streaks past Earth for the first time in 4,200 years—or, since 2203 B.C. Hale-Bopp next returns in 4397.



Jet Propulsion Laboratory/NASA

El Niño stirs up global weather patterns. Caused by warmer-than-normal water temperatures in the equatorial Pacific, the '97 El Niño is blamed for storms and weather problems worldwide.

On October 13, the British jet car *Thrust SSC* becomes the first vehicle to break the sound barrier on land, traveling 766.6 miles per hour in the Nevada desert.



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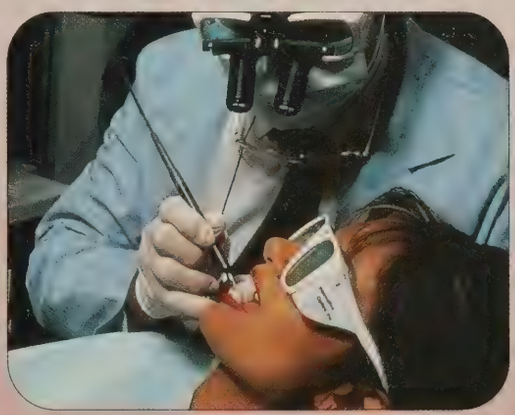
In December, 159 nations gather in Kyoto, Japan, and negotiate a climate treaty to combat global warming by reducing greenhouse gases.



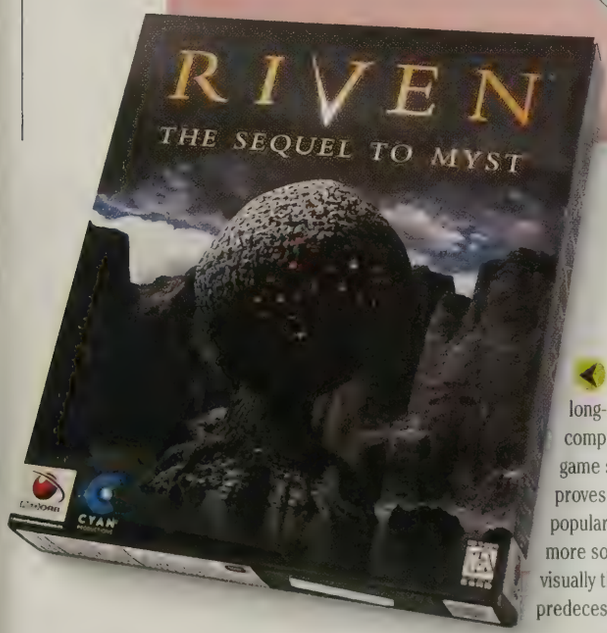
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Protesters unsuccessfully attempt to prevent the October launch of NASA's *Cassini* spacecraft to Saturn, fearing an accident could shower the Earth with the rocket's radioactive plutonium.

The Food and Drug Administration approves a dental laser for treating cavities. Unlike traditional dental drills, the laser in most cases causes virtually no discomfort.



Premier Laser Systems, Inc.



Riven, the long-awaited computer adventure game sequel to Myst, proves to be just as popular and even more sophisticated visually than its predecessor.

flash

Hong Kong authorities in December order the slaughter of more than a million chickens in an effort to halt the spread of a bird flu virus that killed six people.

The space shuttle *Columbia* releases the errant *Spartan* satellite in November. U.S. astronaut Winston Scott and Takao Doi, the first Japanese astronaut to do a space walk, retrieve the satellite for return to Earth.



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French oceanographer and award-winning filmmaker Jacques Cousteau dies in June at 87. His work gained renown through the popular television series "The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau."

Lifestyle NEWS





Teen People, a savvy monthly magazine for and about teenagers, premieres in February 1998.



AP/Wide World

Fashion advertising and clothing trends inspire the popularity of the color orange, which replaces neon green as the fad color of the year.

In October, a cyberfashion show at the M.I.T. Media Lab Wearable Symposium features fashions with built-in computer devices and electronic hardware. M.I.T. students designed the high-tech fashions.



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Fashion looks to the Far East. The stick-on bindi, a tiny decorative accent worn in the middle of the forehead, is popularized by Gwen Stefani, lead singer of the band No Doubt.



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Princess Diana tribute merchandise abounds, including a double CD set and a new Beanie Baby named Princess, a royal purple bear adorned with a rose. Profits benefit the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.



This year's look in cosmetics is glimmering, sparkling and colorful. Riding this wave, cosmetics giant Christian Dior introduces Mascara Flash, temporary hair color in a variety of outrageous tints.



Bates & Starr Inc Gamma Liaison

Platform shoes, a fashion statement during the disco '70s, make a style comeback in a big way in 1997, inspiring even platform sneakers.

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Nike introduces a new "I Can" advertising campaign on New Year's Day. The company does not plan to abandon its "Just Do It" slogan, introduced in 1985, which will continue to appear on T-shirts and posters.

Diet Scent Patches are introduced in June by Slimline, a British company. Designed to help people diet successfully, the small arm stickers produce an unpleasant odor to discourage the wearer from eating sweets.



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"Two Fat Ladies" becomes the Food Network's hottest new cooking show in the U.S., attracting fans with its unconventional British stars, two overweight, middle-aged women.

The Chevrolet Corvette is named *Motor Trend* magazine's 1998 Car of the Year.

General Motors





After nearly 40 years, Mattel's Barbie doll takes on a more realistic face and body shape than the Barbie of the '60s. The new doll will begin to appear in stores in early 1998.



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Mattel introduces Share a Smile Becky in May 1997. Seated in a bright pink wheelchair, the doll is marketed as a friend to the traditional Barbie.

A new $50 bill featuring a larger, off-center portrait of President Ulysses S. Grant is unveiled in October. Design details make the bill more difficult to forge.



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Karl Steinbrenner

Mehndi, intricate designs painted on the body with henna dye, is a popular expression of the fashion trend toward Eastern themes and patterns.



Digital "pets" are a 1997 toy craze. These virtual critters keep their owners busy by beeping when they need care or feeding. If ignored, they "die."



Popular board games appear on CD-ROM in ever-growing numbers, including interactive favorites Monopoly, Scrabble, Sorry, Risk and Boggle.

flash

As many as 700 school districts nationwide teach "emotional intelligence," aiming to develop children's values and people skills as well as their minds.

Beepers are a status symbol and a lifestyle must-have for many teens juggling school, jobs and after-school activities. More than 40 million beepers are carried in the U.S., an estimated 25 percent of them by people between the ages of 12 and 24. In some schools, beepers are forbidden as disruptive.



Canada issues a Superhero postage stamp series that includes a 45-cent stamp featuring the colorful, comic-book image of Superman.

Entertainment news



ABC from the Kobal Collection

ABC's gritty police drama "NYPD Blue" remains one of the most popular one-hour dramas on television in 1997, capturing four Emmy Awards.



Universal Studios, Inc., from Shooting Star

The Lost World, Steven Spielberg's *Jurassic Park* sequel, breaks summer box-office records everywhere. It earns $229 million in the U.S.



AP/Wide World

Comedian Chris Farley dies at 33 of a drug overdose on December 18. He starred in NBC's "Saturday Night Live" and movies including *Tommy Boy* and *Beverly Hills Ninja*.

Columbia/Mandalay from the Kobal Collection



Horror films draw teenagers to the box office. *I Know What You Did Last Summer*, starring Jennifer Love Hewitt and Sarah Michelle Gellar, is one of the year's biggest attractions.



Gino Mifsud, Shooting Star

Jerry Seinfeld, creator and star of the NBC hit "Seinfeld," announces in December that the 1997-1998 season is the show's last. The final episode airs in May, ending the popular show's nine-year run.

flash

In its second season, the WB's campy sitcom "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" blossoms into a huge favorite with many viewers.

Jenny McCarthy stars in a new fall NBC comedy "Jenny" that, in January 1998, goes into hiatus only a few months into its first season. McCarthy had been an MTV personality before moving to the network.



Fox/Jenny Shooting Star

Fox network launches "King of the Hill," an animated show that focuses on the lives of a propane dealer from Texas and his family. The show goes on to become a smash hit.



Dimension Films From the Kobal Collection

Scream 2, the chilling hit sequel to *Scream*, is a wildly successful mix of carnage and comedy starring Neve Campbell, Jerry O'Connell, Tori Spelling, Jada Pinkett and a host of other stars.



Dreamworks Pictures from Shooting Star

Critically acclaimed *Amistad*, directed by Steven Spielberg, tells the story of an 1839 slave ship mutiny. The film culminates years of effort by producer Debbie Allen to bring the story to life.

Religion is a common theme on eight fall-season network TV shows inspired by the success of CBS's "Touched by an Angel" starring Roma Downey, Della Reese and John Dye. New programs include ABC's "Nothing Sacred" and "Teen Angel."

CBS Entertainment from Shooting Star



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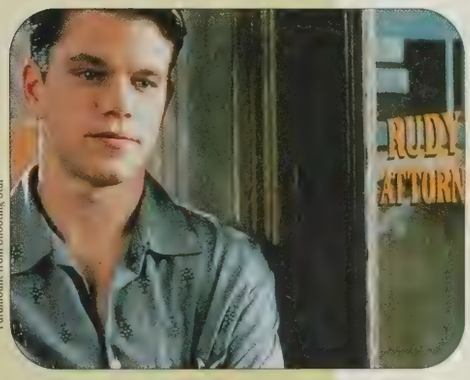
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Titanic is a huge critical and box-office success. The movie event of the year, this $200 million picture is the most costly in history. After 45 days in the theaters, *Titanic* had earned $308 million.



Fox/Paramount from Shooting Star

Star Wars captures a new generation of fans when George Lucas re-releases the film trilogy 20 years after the first film was shown. In Washington, D.C., the National Air and Space Museum mounts a huge exhibition of now-historic *Star Wars* artifacts.



Paramount from Shooting Star

Matt Damon stars as an attorney in *The Rainmaker*, a movie based on the John Grisham novel. Damon's successes also include the film *Good Will Hunting*.

Michael Flatley's pulsating show "Lord of the Dance" fuels the extraordinary popularity of Irish dance. The show tours 15 cities in the U.S. through October.

In the fall, Fox debuts "Ally McBeal," a comedy/drama starring Calista Flockhart as a young Boston attorney. The show captures a Golden Globe Award in January 1998 for best series/musical or comedy.



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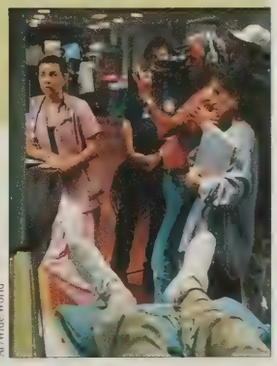
Columbia Tristar from Shooting Star

Summer blockbuster *Men in Black* grosses more than $500 million worldwide to become 1997's biggest hit. The sci-fi comedy stars Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones.

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The Wonderful World of Disney **presents its adaptation of "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella" on ABC, starring Brandy as Cinderella and Whitney Houston as the Fairy Godmother.**

Tomorrow Never Dies **, starring Pierce Brosnan as 007, is a holiday box-office hit and confirms the enduring popularity of James Bond movies.**



AP/Wide World

The 1997 season premiere episode of "ER" is broadcast live and draws 42.7 million viewers for NBC, including those who watch it on a giant screen in Times Square.

Music News

AP/Wide World





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Chumbawamba's hit single "Tubthumping" brings long-awaited success to this British band. The song becomes popular at pro sports events, kicking off games for several teams.

Fiona Apple, 20, one of rock's female superstars, is named MTV's Best New Artist in a Video. Her single "Criminal" soars to the top of the charts.



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Rap artist the Notorious B.I.G. is killed in a March 1997 drive-by shooting in Los Angeles. He is posthumously awarded MTV's 1997 Best Rap Video Award for "Hypnotize" and is named *Spin* magazine's Artist of the Year.



Jay Blakesberg, Retna



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With their hit single "MMMBop," three young brothers from Tulsa become one of the biggest breakthrough acts of 1997 as the band Hanson.

Lilith Fair, an all-female summer rock concert, draws large crowds on its 37-stop tour. Canadian singer-songwriter Sarah McLachlan masterminds the festival and releases a hit album, *Surfacing*.

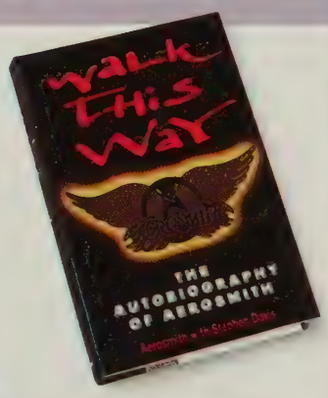
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Drummer Bill Berry leaves R.E.M. after 17 years with the popular rock group. R.E.M. plans to continue as a trio.

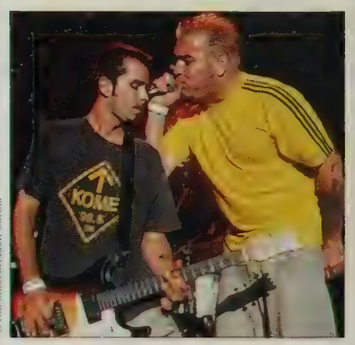
Kenny G. enters the *Guinness Book of World Records* for holding the longest musical note—45 minutes, 47 seconds—on his saxophone.



Country music superstar Garth Brooks releases *Sevens*, his first album in two years. The album sells 800,000 copies the first week.



Walk This Way: The Autobiography of Aerosmith chronicles the long career of the band notorious for its excesses in the '70s and '80s. The group's new album *Nine Lives* is nominated for a 1998 Grammy.



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Smash Mouth popularizes a genre of alternative rock known as neo-ska with its hit single "Walkin' on the Sun" and debut album *Fush Yu Mang*.

British pop phenomenon, the Spice Girls, makes millions with mega-hits such as "Wannabe" and sells 14 million albums and 10 million singles.

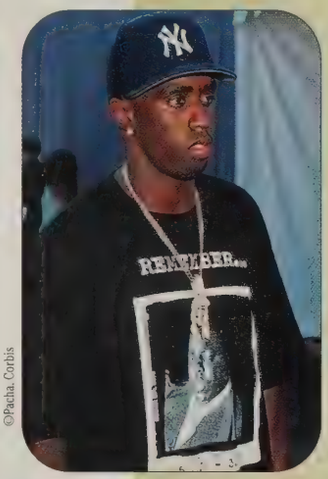
Ron Davis, Shooting Star



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Adam Yauch of the Beastie Boys engineers the second Tibetan Freedom Concert, held in June in New York, offering 27 music acts and a free-Tibet political message.



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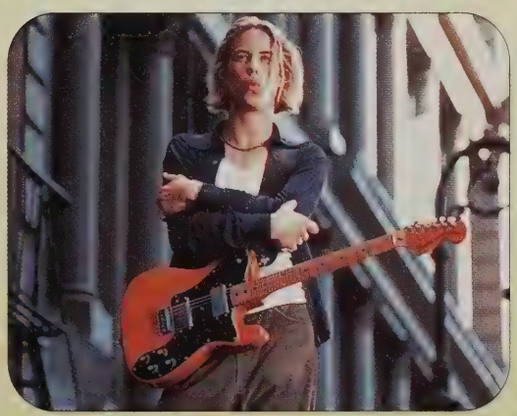
The album *No Way Out* by Puff Daddy & the Family goes multiplatinum. Puffy's single "I'll Be Missing You," an elegy to his friend the Notorious B.I.G., also tops the charts.



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Third Eye Blind, after several years in San Francisco's underground music scene, goes big time in 1997. Their song "Semi-Charmed Life" is listed as the top-selling modern rock single for 1997 in *Billboard* magazine.

Sixteen-year-old R&B phenom Jonny Lang opens for the Rolling Stones' fall tour and spends 16 weeks at No. 1 on *Billboard*'s blues chart with his album *Lie to Me*.

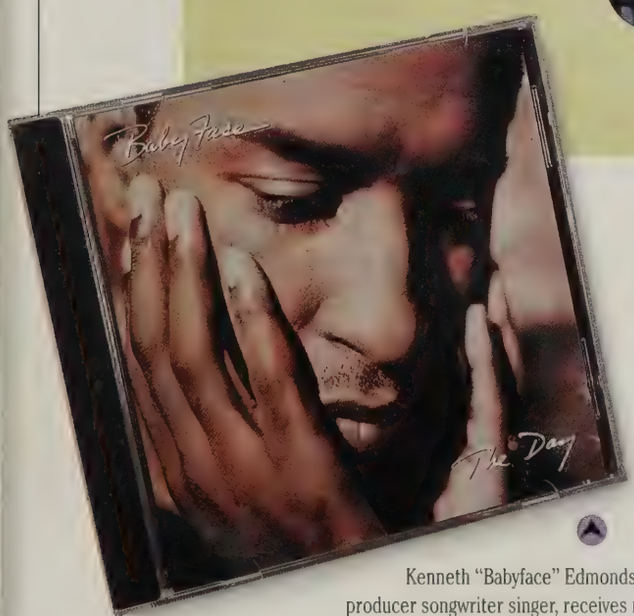


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At 15, country music sensation LeAnn Rimes sells more than 12.5 million recordings in the U.S. in 1997 and is named *Billboard* Music Awards Artist of the Year. Her single "How Do I Live" is one of the year's best sellers.



Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds, superstar producer songwriter singer, receives more 1998 Grammy nominations than any other artist, including one for his album *The Day*. Edmonds and wife Tracey also produce the film *Soul Food* in 1997.

flash

Metallica releases a seventh album, *Re-Load*, that confirms its position as the premier heavy-metal band in the music world.

Radiohead is *Spin* magazine's Band of the Year. Critics praise Radiohead's album *OK Computer*, variously described as haunting, revolting, inscrutable, stunning and gorgeous. The album receives a 1998 Grammy nomination for Rock/Pop Album of the Year.

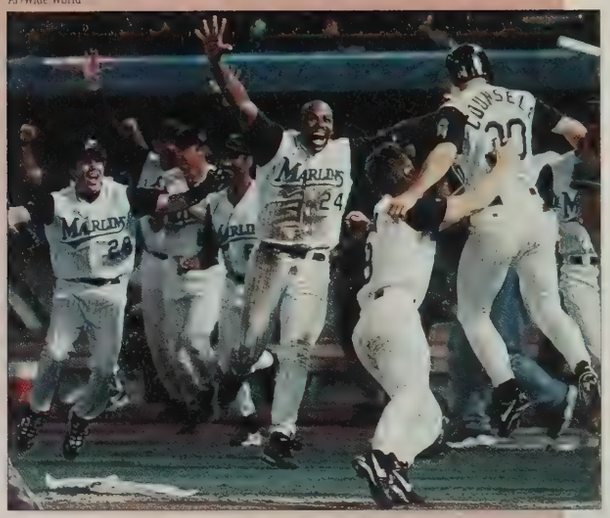
Sports News



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In July, 16-year-old Swiss tennis star Martina Hingis becomes the youngest Wimbledon champion since 1887. Hingis wins three of the four 1997 Grand Slam events.

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The Florida Marlins are baseball's 1997 World Series champs and the first team ever to win the Series without winning its league pennant. The Marlins defeat the Cleveland Indians in seven games.

Quarterback John Elway leads the Denver Broncos to a 31-24 victory over the Green Bay Packers in Super Bowl XXXII in San Diego, January 25, 1998. It is Elway's first Super Bowl win in four appearances.



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Mike Tyson bites off part of Evander Holyfield's ear and is disqualified in the WBA Heavyweight rematch in June 1997. Tyson is fined nearly $3 million and his boxing license is revoked.



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Tiger Woods, 21, becomes the youngest golfer ever to win the Masters Tournament. His 18-under-par score sets a Masters record. Woods wins 3 other tournaments and sets a PGA Tour earnings record of $2.1 million for the season.

flash

Swedish golfing phenomenon Annika Sorenstam, 26, tops the LPGA earnings list in 1997 with a record $1,236,789.

Professional sports salaries keep skyrocketing. One of the most publicized of 1997 is Kevin Garnett's $126 million contract to play basketball for the Minnesota Timberwolves.



Pittsburgh Penguins' Mario Lemieux retires in April 1997 after a spectacular comeback from Hodgkin's disease and injury. Lemieux is elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in September.



In April 1997, the premier issue of *Sports Illustrated Women* hits the newsstands. The magazine reflects the explosive growth of female participation in sports.



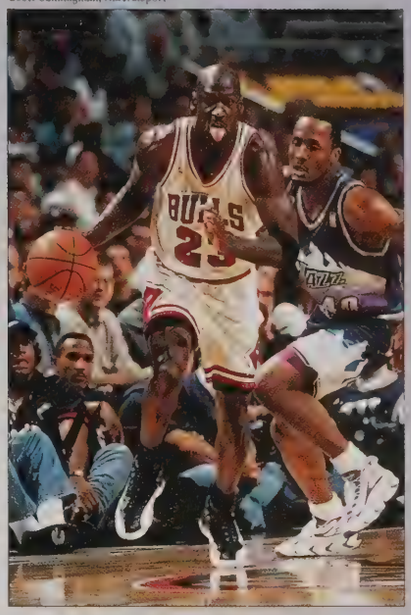
Charles Woodson, Michigan's versatile junior cornerback, becomes the first primarily defensive player to win the Heisman Trophy, awarded in December.

Jeff Gordon, at 26, wins the 1997 NASCAR Winston Cup, his second Winston Cup point title in three years. Gordon's 1997 points total 4,710.

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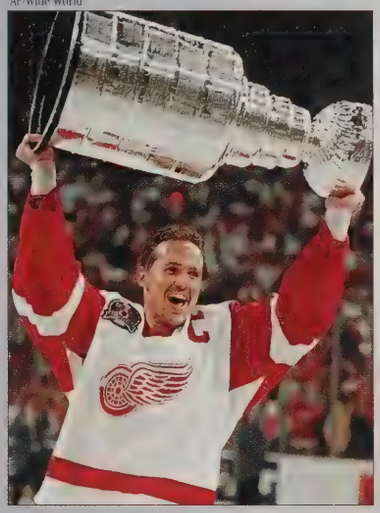
The Chicago Bulls beat the Utah Jazz in June 1997 for their fifth NBA championship in seven years. Michael Jordan is chosen Finals MVP a record fifth time.



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Nagano, Japan, hosts the 1998 Winter Olympic Games during February. Three new medal sports make their Olympic debut: curling, snowboarding and women's ice hockey.

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Detroit Red Wings captain Steve Yzerman powers his team to the 1997 Stanley Cup championship, its first in 42 years, by sweeping the Philadelphia Flyers in four games.

When the college football season ends, two teams share the national championship. Michigan (12-0) is named No. 1 by the sports writers' poll, and Nebraska (13-0) by the coaches' poll.

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In its debut season, the WNBA exceeds all league expectations for success. The Houston Comets' championship win over the New York Liberty caps the 1997 season.

flash

Women officiate in an all-male professional sports league for the first time. The pioneers, Dee Kantor and Violet Palmer, are referees in the NBA.

Mark McGwire, of the St. Louis Cardinals, slams 52 homers in 1996 and 58 in 1997. McGwire becomes only the second player in baseball history with back-to-back, 50-home-run seasons, the other being Babe Ruth.

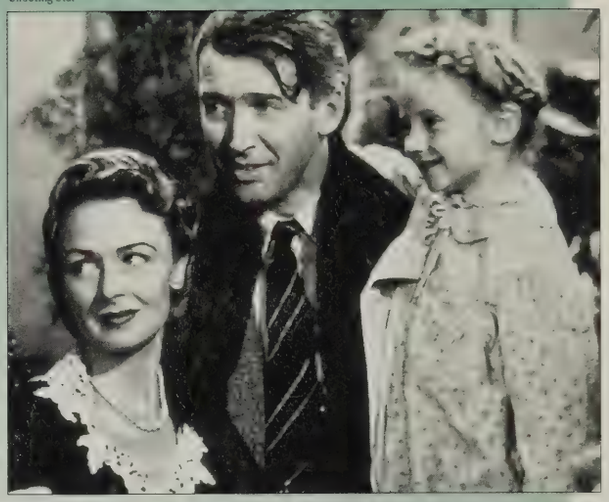


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Dean Smith, winningest coach in college basketball history, retires in October after 36 seasons at North Carolina. *Sports Illustrated* names him 1997 Sportsman of the Year.

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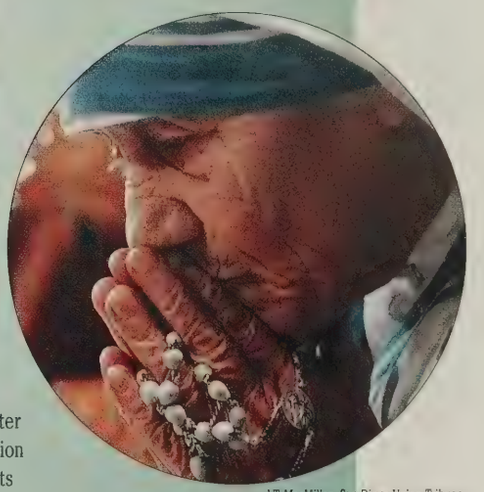
Miss Illinois, Katherine Shindle, is crowned Miss America 1998. For the first time in its 77-year history the pageant allows contestants to wear two-piece swimsuits in competition.

Beloved actor Jimmy Stewart dies in July at 89. Stewart's enduring nice-guy popularity is exemplified by *It's a Wonderful Life*, his 1946 movie that is now an American cultural icon.



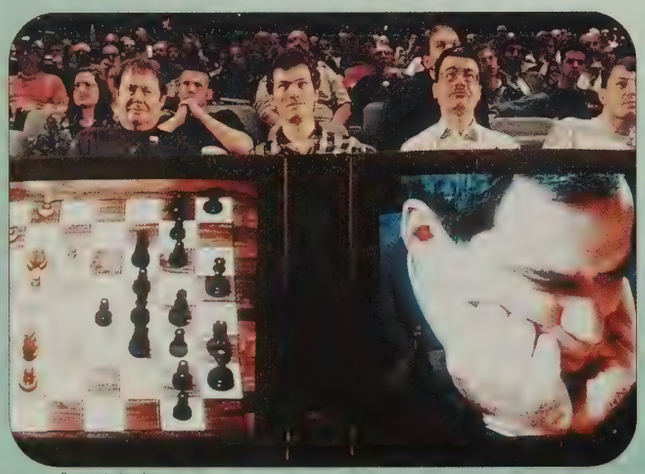
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Chelsea Clinton begins her freshman year at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California. Despite security measures, she reportedly will lead as normal a college life as possible.



J.T. MacMillan, San Diego Union-Tribune

Roman Catholic nun Mother Teresa of Calcutta dies September 5 at the age of 87. Revered for a lifetime of helping the poorest of the poor, her many honors include the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize.



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For the first time, a computer beats a world chess champion when IBM's Deep Blue beats Russian Garry Kasparov in a six-game match in May 1997.

flash

Former leader of the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev films a TV commercial for Pizza Hut. He reportedly earns $1 million for the appearance, money he plans to use to benefit his Gorbachev Foundation.

Singer John Denver dies in October at 53 when the experimental plane he is piloting crashes into California's Monterey Bay.

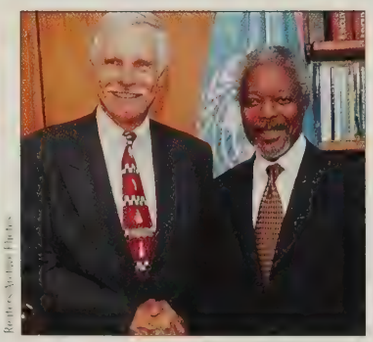


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Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, appears in ads as a spokesperson for Weight Watchers International. She is the former wife of England's Prince Andrew.



American Jody Williams and the International Campaign to Ban Land Mines are awarded the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize in October. The U.S. and China refuse to sign an international treaty that would ban land mines.



Ted Turner, vice chairman of the Time Warner media empire, pledges $1 billion to United Nations programs. It is the largest single gift in philanthropic history.

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"Working Around It," the 44th volume of Poquoson High School's *Islander*, was published by Josten's Publishing Company in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, with a press run of 625 copies. The student cost for the *Islander* was $35.

This 272 page annual has eight pages of color. The *Islander* has a lithograph matte cover with Cordova grain and embossing. Clubs, faculty, sports, senior, and underclassmen pictures were provided by Jostens and Candid Color photographers. Other special school events were also covered by Jostens and Candid Color.

All body copy and captions were set in Arial ten and eight point respectively. The headline styles included Barmeno ExtraBold in student life and underclass, Pepita MT in sports, Biffo MT in academics, Lithos Regular in clubs, Joanna MT in seniors, and Revue in faculty.

The 1996-97 *Islander* won several honors, including silver medalist from Columbia Scholastic Press Association with an All-Columbian award in writing; a first class rating from Virginia High School League; and an All-Southern rating from Southern Interscholastic Press Association with marks of distinction in reader services, academics, advertising/community, clubs, and student life sections.

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